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Tai Po	Dep.	7.15	9.48	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09
Tai Po Market	Dep.	7.27	9.59	11.16	12.46	1.61	5.21
Fanning	Dep.	7.39	10.11	11.28	12.58	1.73	5.33
Shenzhen	Dep.	7.51	10.23	11.40	13.10	1.85	5.45
Shenzhen	Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.25	12.58	1.73	5.33

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shenzhen	Dep.	7.21	9.55	10.38	11.40	1.00	4.17
Shenzhen	Dep.	7.28	10.02	10.45	11.47	1.07	4.24
Fanning	Dep.	7.39	10.11	10.58	11.51	1.18	4.36
Tai Po	Dep.	7.48	10.20	11.04	12.07	1.28	4.48
Tai Po Market	Dep.	7.59	10.31	11.16	12.19	1.39	4.59
Shatin	Dep.	8.11	10.43	11.28	12.31	1.51	5.11
Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	8.23	10.55	11.40	12.43	2.03	5.23
Kowloon	Arr.	8.20	10.50	11.37	12.41	1.58	5.16

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Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	6.50	9.25	10.38	12.09	1.24	4.44
Shatin	Dep.	7.02	9.35	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56
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Fanning	Dep.	7.39	10.11	11.28	12.58	1.73	5.33
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Fanning	Dep.	8.29	10.55	11.51	13.11	1.34	4.50
Tai Po	Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.04	13.21	1.38	4.54
Tai Po Market	Dep.	8.37	11.03	12.07	13.25	1.42	4.58
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Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	13.50	2.07	5.23
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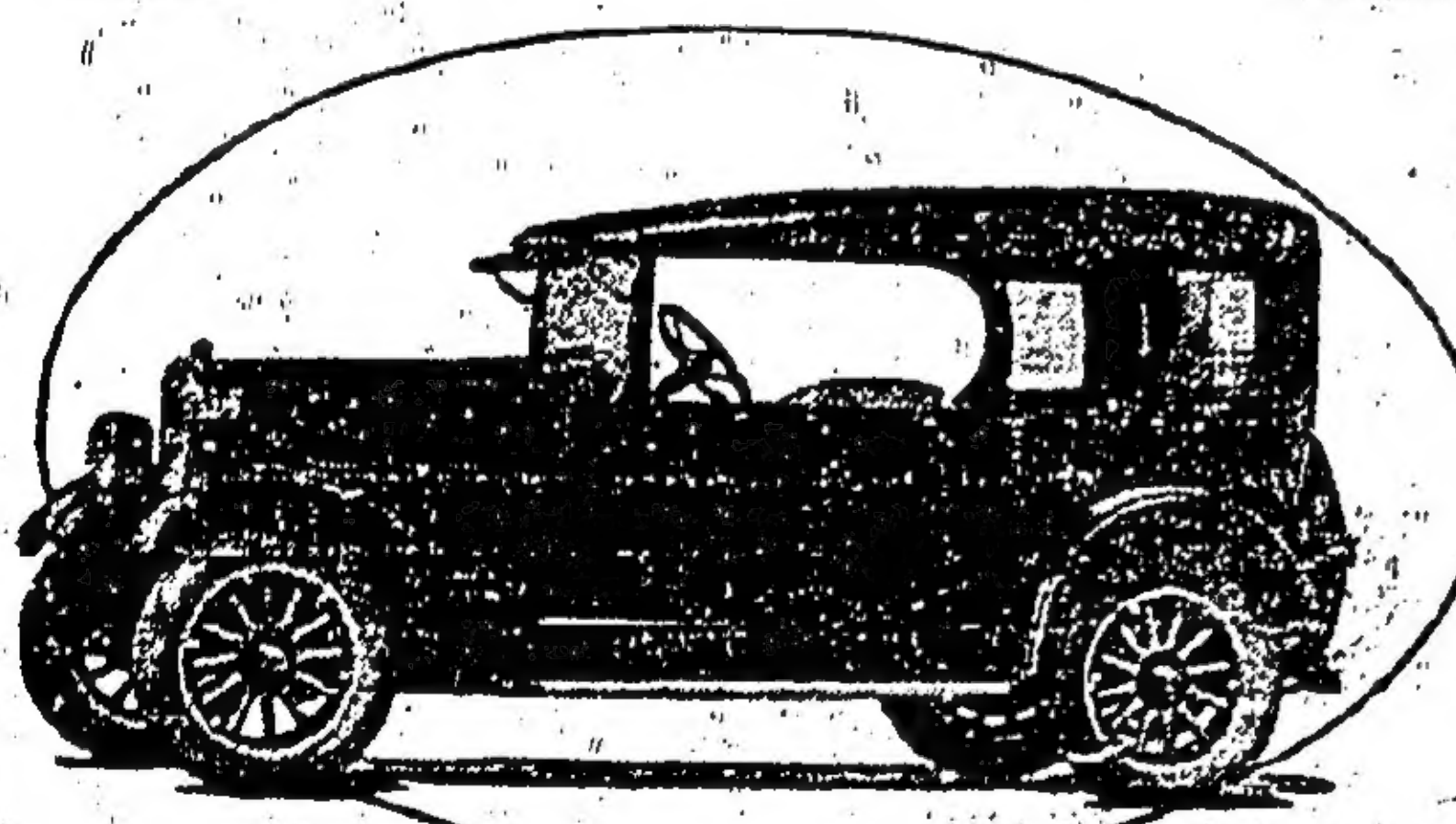
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If there is a branch in our cricket which has received more criticism than any other, and which deserves a certain degree of consideration not always given to it, it is that of fielding. Indifferent fielding can usually be traced to a lack of systematic coaching in early days. Boys at school love to hit for home and glory, bowl with the strength of a Pythian Apollo, and hit the stumps as though they were enjoying a few moments at a coconut-stall on a fair-ground. But fielding—why, bless your life, they would rather help the groundsmen to mend the nets or keep the score of admission house-gates than spend ten minutes in the long field. In the public schools coaching is usually organised with the efficiency one fails to discover in some of the colleges, grammar, and secondary schools. Supposing a boy from a Council school decided to make cricket his profession, whilst another who came from Harrow also had a keen love for the game, it is highly probable that, should both be in the running for a place in the county eleven, the fellow from Harrow would stand a better chance than his rival, not because he was superior as a batsman or as a bowler, but simply on account of proficiency in the field. One thing, therefore, is certain: we want better training in cricket in many of our schools.

A keen enthusiast looks eagerly for originality from the captain, who ought to place his field according to a close study of the methods of each dangerous batsman of the other side, and not so precise and machine-like, so canonical and correct, as has too often happened. A skipper who knows exactly what he is doing will not upset his field simply because a batsman has hit rather hotly in one particular part of the ground and eluded the fieldsmen. The supreme test is to place the right men precisely in the right place. Just as a man of letters carefully chooses the right word to create the true effect, so should a captain also select the right man to produce the best results. But as the right word is useless unless it appears in the place, so the right fieldsmen is a mere passenger if his position is not wisely chosen.

GUILTY CAPTAINS.

All this may seem elementary to many people, yet it is surprising to find captains, not few in number, whose art in setting out a field is merely fragmentary. Mr. A. C. MacLaren, who is one of the best judges in English cricket at the present time, and whose counsel in international problems is so excellent, has for too long been declaring how quiescently our county captains field a team with eleven players on the card and ten (or even less) in the arena. Driving having lost a good deal of its old-time prosperity, has partly been set aside and starved by modern methods of back-play, which mean that players close to the rails have more time to direct than to study the beauty of the heavens than they have for the problem of defeating the batsmen at the wicket. Why fieldsmen are not brought closer to the scene of action is an enigma which has not yet been solved.

It may be commented, "Yes, it's all very well saying this, but what sort of a team would you field, and where would each man be placed if the choice were yours?"

Well, to begin with, there is very little time wasted by one of my county captains, or our strong English teams for the purpose of ascertaining the positions to be assigned to every player on the side. 1. C. MacLaren, C. Fry, Hirst, Rhodes, A. A. Lilley, G. L. Jessop, Tyldesley, Thompson, Blythe, A. O. Jones, and Hobbs—where would you place these men? Confidence would be established if the field were set, as follows:

A. A. Lilley (wicket-keeper), A. C. MacLaren, A. O. Jones (slips), Rhodes (point), Hobbs (cover-point), G. L. Jessop (extra-cover), C. E. Fry (mid-on), Hirst (mid-off), Tyldesley (long-field), Blythe (short-leg).

This field is shown in this way because each player was more than qualified to occupy the position allocated to him. He had trained himself to excel in fielding, not merely at any given spot, but at a certain fixed position where his art came most natural to him. We know quite well that batsmen would not move an inch from the crease when a distinguished fieldsmen was within a stone-throw of the travelling ball—was beside the player who ran when "Monkey" Hornby gathered the ball or took the risk if A. O. Jones was close at hand.

SPECIALISING.

Now, since the war, we have slowly but surely been discovering players who are concentrating on specialised positions in the field, and, provided they are encouraged and treated properly, there is little doubt that they will in time become indispensable in the positions chosen. A good example of this distinction is to be found in Richard Tyldesley, whose brilliant work at short-leg has been quite a latterday attraction in first-class cricket.

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There are, of course, possibilities amongst our amateur players. There are those who are young and those who have had a fair share of experience, and R. Robertson-Glasgow, G. O. Allen, D. R. Jardine, M. K. Foster, J. R. B. B. Kilner or Tate would not let us down at mid-on. Holmes and Sutcliffe are reliable scouts, remembering, of course, that they would never be called upon to bowl.

CARD ETHICS.

There are few card games, says a writer in a Home paper, which offer so much opportunity for sharp practice as auction bridge. Nothing is easier than for a player to convey illicit information to his partner. He can, for instance, make his bids, sometimes in a strong tone of confidence, and at other times with obvious hesitation and doubt. Or he may hesitate at a critical point in the play, thereby showing that he holds a certain vital card. With the best will in the world, it is often difficult to avoid giving illegitimate information. It is an accepted rule of card ethics that a player shall not avail himself of information which his partner may inadvertently have conveyed by his manner or otherwise. The ban does not lie, however, to the same extent upon the adversaries, who usually take full advantage of the ethical ineptitudes of the other side. Among reputable players, therefore, tell-tale hesitations and indecisions benefit the adversaries only.

It needs not to be said that (except among cardsharps) no one ever consciously gives his partner illicit information. The subconscious desire to win, however, is often so strong as to lead some people quite unconsciously to give indications as to the cards they hold. An amusing illustration occurred not long ago in Pall-mall, and passed unnoticed by all concerned. A player led an ace, on which his partner threw the queen. The leader, not noticing the queen, failed to continue with the suit, as he should have done. At the end of the hand his partner angrily criticized him, saying:—"I cannot understand your not seeing my queen: I slammed it down as hard as ever I could." The confession was so naive as to exclude any suggestion of intentional turpitude.

Subconscious hesitations and mannerisms are far more often designed to mislead the adversary than to inform the partner. The commonest and most interesting case occurs when an honour is led and second hand has to consider whether he will cover it or not. The correct course usually requires careful thought. Though it involves hesitation—and hesitation is fatal, since it tells the adversary the position of the cards. The good player has foreseen the contingency and thought it out beforehand, so that he is able to play the right card with the ordinary promptitude when the critical moment arrives.

It very often happens among average players that second hand hesitates, when he has not got the missing honour, and plays with promptitude when he has got it. To hesitate when there is nothing to think about merely to delude the adversary is, of course, a serious offence. But in point of fact it is quite subconscious. Offenders of this type may be found in every club, and are usually persons of the highest integrity. Their folly may be turned fatally against them by an adversary who has observed this feature of their psychology. Their fraudulent attempt to deceive him is so regular and systematic that it infallibly conveys to the shrewd adversary the very information as to which it is hoped to mislead him. In numerous cases of ordinary play the declarer can take a *finesse* in either hand, and has to guess which adversary holds the missing honour. When playing against a sham hesitator he can soon find out, by leading first through the unfortunate offender, with the sure knowledge that the latter will betray the position by a clumsy attempt to deceive.

While subconscious infringements of card ethics often pass unheeded, it sometimes happens that perfectly legitimate actions are, by confusion of ideas, criticized adversely. An extreme illustration of this occurs in a work by E. A. Proctor, the astronomer, entitled "Chance and Luck." Proctor went so far as to affirm that bluffing was immoral, even at poker, because it is deceiving, and all deceit is wrong. Ridiculous as such a contention must seem to those who have any sense of humour, that spirit is not yet dead, even in times when we shoulder our moral burdens with somewhat less parade than in the Victorian period. Freak calls at bridge (as, for instance, bidding a suit of which we have none) sometimes gives serious offence, especially among ladies.

By its very nature auction bridge assumes a high standard of card morals, without which the game would speedily degenerate. That it does not degenerate, but maintains its universal popularity, is remarkable testimony to the ethical standards of our times.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their
weekly share report, dated Friday, March
14th, say:—

A large business has been effected
during the week without much change in
the value of shares. There has also been
more doing with Shanghai and the market
there has improved, particularly in
Shanghai Docks and Langkats.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks
have been dealt in to some extent at
\$1,230/1,240. The market closes with
buyers at the former rate. The price at
home remains unchanged at \$140 middle.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions
have been in good demand with sales
made at \$235 to \$265. Cantons have
buyers at \$740. Yangtzes are also firmer
with buyers at \$425. Underwriters have
been sold at \$2.90 to \$3. Both China
Fires and Hongkong Fires are wanted,
the former at \$135 and the latter at \$710.

Shipping.—Douglas Steamships are en-
quired for at \$35, at which rate a small
business was transacted. "Star" Ferries
are inclined to strengthen with buyers at
\$73 after sales at \$71. Hongkong, Can-
ton and Macao Steamboats show an im-
provement, being in demand at \$335.
Waterboats remain firm at \$17. Tugs
and Lighters have weakened slightly and
are offering at \$470.

Refineries.—China Sugars have further
receded, but close with buyers at \$62.
Malabons could probably be placed at
\$40.

Oils and Mining.—Kailas have buyers
locally and have been purchased from
London at 59/9d. Langkats "combined"
have had a smart rise with sales made
up to Tls. 34. The single shares have
also improved and have buyers at Tls.
10.60. Explorations are wanted at Tls.
5.60.

A fair business has been done in
Sterling Tin shares, which are ruling
firm owing to the continued strength of
the commodity.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hong-
kong and Wharves Docks have again
weakened with sales made down to \$125.
Shanghai Docks have advanced to Tls.
121, ex the dividend of Tls. 32 paid on
the 10th instant. New Engineerings are
also firmer with buyers at Tls. 9. Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharves are ruling
weak with sellers at \$183. Hongkew
Wharves are in demand at Tls. 109.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong-
kong Lands have been changing hands
to some extent with sales made down to
\$90. The market closes slightly firmer
with buyers at \$91. Humphreys Estates
were dealt in up to \$22, but close weaker
with sellers at \$21. Hongkong Hotels
are a weak market with sales made down
to \$163.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Elec-
trics have been in strong request result-
ing in a large business, both cash and
forward. They close with buyers at \$65
after sales at \$63. China Lights "com-
bined" are asked for at \$27, but shares
are scarce. Hongkong Tramways are
much firmer with buyers at \$59.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements
have again been the medium of a large
business, and although the market has
weakened somewhat owing to profit
taking, there is no lack of buyers and a
rise in this stock may be expected after
the approaching settlement. Dairy Farms
have buyers at \$28 after sales at \$26.
Hongkong Ropes have dropped to \$50.
China Providents (combined) have been
ruling quiet and shares are offering at
\$29. Watsons have advanced to \$21.
There is some enquiry for Canton Ice at
\$82.

Forward Settlement Days.—March 24th
(Tuesday), April 25th (Tuesday), May
25th (Tuesday), and June 23rd (Tuesday).
Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London
to-day is 2/3; and on Shanghai 74.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

We are officially informed that the
General Managers and Consulting Com-
mittee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance
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coming meeting of shareholders to be
held on 27th instant, the payment out of
the profits for the year 1922 of a dividend
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of \$25 per share absorbing \$200,000; and
of \$22,751.50 to credit of Reinsurance Fund;
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of the year 1922.

EXCHANGE IN SIAM.

The Ministry of Finance in Siam has
issued the following communiqué:—In
view of the continually recurring rumours
of an intention on the part of the Gov-
ernment to effect a further reduction of
exchange, H.H. the Minister of Finance
deems it expedient to inform the public
that it is the purpose and desire of the
Government to maintain exchange at its
existing level as long as possible, and
that he does not at present see any reason
for lowering the rate. At the same time
His Highness reserves entire liberty of
action for the Government to make such
further change at any time, without
notice, as appears called for in the
general interest of the country.

RECENT FINANCIAL SAYINGS.

Trade union restrictions are more res-
ponsible for bad trade and unemployment
to-day than anything under
Heaven.—Lieut. Comdr. G. B. Powell.

I think we are on the eve of coming
to an amicable arrangement by which
the Portuguese will develop the port of
Beira on good lines.—Sir Henry Birch-
enough.

The Greek Government is anxious to
encourage the investment of foreign
capital in Greece for the construction of
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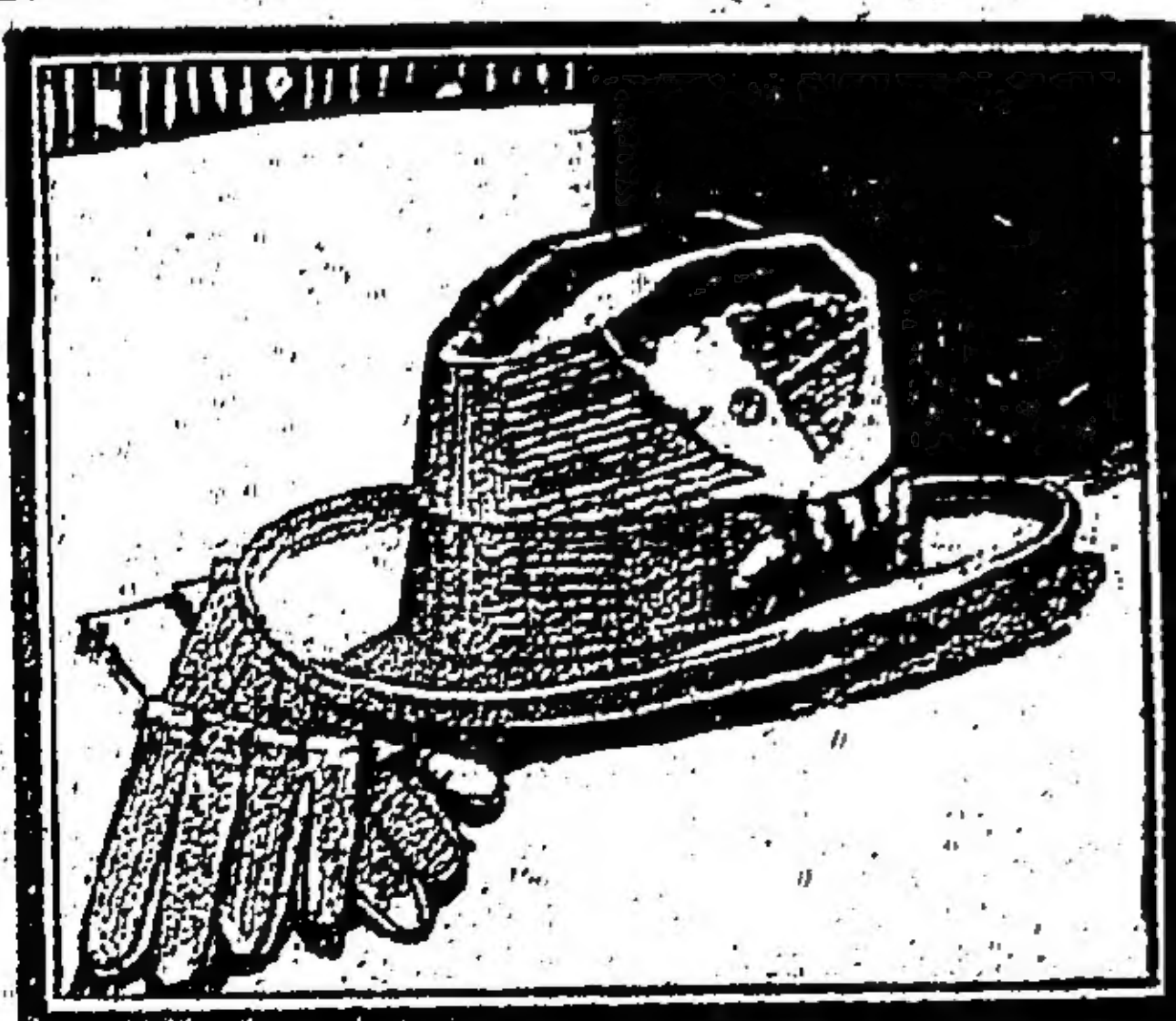
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FOOTBALL.

The following games are down for
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HONGKONG F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELDS.

Senior.

Hongkong Police v. R.A., Sookunpoo
ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.
Linenmen: Messrs. Tovey and
Wilby.

Junior.

East Surreys Res. v. Recreation "A",
Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr.
Tovey.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division II.

Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

South China "B" v. Club de Recreo
"B", South China ground. Re-
feree: Mr. Smith, R.A.South China "A" v. St. Joseph's
"A", St. Joseph's ground. Re-
feree: Mr. Andrews.Hongkong Club Res. v. Sacred Heart,
Hongkong F.C. ground. Referee:
Mr. Perman.Kowloon Reserves v. East Surreys
Drums, Kowloon F.C. ground.
Referee: Mr. MacMillan.University v. St. Joseph's "B",
Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr.
Austin.

The Garrison are making arrangements for a big crowd at Sookunpoo to-day where the semi-finals of the H.K.F.A. Shields Competitions are due to be played. The junior game is timed to start at 2.30 p.m. sharp and will be of ninety minutes duration. Should the scores then be equal, extra time of ten minutes each way will be played. The senior game should be started at 4.15 p.m. but should the first game require extra time it will not be possible to start so early.

The junior game will be keenly contested although the Club de Recreo will start as favourites in view of their recent win over the East Surreys Reserves in a league game by four clear goals. The soldiers will probably have some new men on show this afternoon and expect to extend the Club de Recreo to the full.

In the senior game to follow, much will depend on the form shown by the attack on both sides, as the teams are both strong in defence. With Dr. Valentine back in the Police forward line and East having recovered from his accident, it is expected that the Police will just get home. The R.A. will have a new player in goal, for Moore, who has been doing great things between the posts at home, will replace Stanton in goal. The R.A. will depend chiefly upon their middle line in the match to-day.

A well contested game in the junior league should be seen at Kowloon between the Reserves and East Surreys Drums. The latter were seen on this ground last week in a game with the Club de Recreo "B", and went down by three goals to one. Unless an improvement on last week's play is put up by the Reserves they are likely to go down to a well balanced team. The previous game between these teams was won by the Drums by two goals to nil.

Another well contested game should be that on the St. Joseph's ground between the "A" teams of St. Joseph's and South China. If the latter are at full strength, they should win.

Hongkong Club Reserves are at home to the Sacred Heart, and a fast game is expected to be witnessed. The "B" teams of Club de Recreo and South China are due on the latter's ground, and the Recreo team should just get home. The University shared the points with St. Joseph's "A" team last week, and a fortnight ago lost by the odd goal in five to their opponents of to-day. They should take both points this afternoon.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

The H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament was continued yesterday when eight matches were played, the results of which were as follows:—

Open Singles.—A. S. Hett beat Hung Hwai Chen, 6-1, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Open Doubles.—H. D. and S. A. Hum-
phreys beat H. B. Nihis and D. C.
Womack, 6-0, 6-0, 6-1.

Open Singles.—H. B. Nihis and D. C.
Womack beat H. C. Gould and F. A.
Henslowe, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Club Championship.—W. B. Cornaby
beat S. Minkin, 7-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Handicap Singles.—A. B. J. Saunders
(-3/8) beat G. B. Hett (-3/8), 6-1,
6-0, 6-2.

Handicap Singles.—B. G. de Man
(scr.) beat S. C. Cook (+3/8), 6-4, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles.—G. W. B. Simpson
and Mrs. M. H. B. Scott (+15/1) beat
Major Hattersley Smith and Mrs.
Hattersley Smith (-2/8), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

L. M. S. Lloyd and Miss Peck (scr.) beat
B. D. Evans and Mrs. H. Griffin
(-3/8), 6-2, 7-5.

Bates and Mrs. Davison. (-15) beat T.
Monaghan and Mrs. C. C. Stark (-3/8),
6-2, 6-4.

MONDAY'S MATCHES.

The following matches are down for
decision on Monday.

Open Championship Doubles.—C. Chio
and J. Choo v. The Tak Sang and Hon
Lung Fung; W. H. Bourne and A. D.
Humphreys v. A. C. I. Bowker and A.
K. Mackenzie; Lieut.-Col. Montague
Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West v. T.
Lay and N. Trambitaky.

Mixed Doubles.—O. C. Womack and
Mrs. Womack (+3/8) v. W. Ironside and
Mrs. Ironside.

Open Singles.—A. Leont v. W. Hyde;
F. A. Henslowe v. Lim Peng Chin.

Handicap Singles.—B. M. M. Wat-
son v. W. Woodward; W. Lithgow Smith
v. L. M. S. Lloyd.

THE LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFERS
FUNERAL EXPENSES.

In a message to the Chinese Press
announcing the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen,
Mr. Wang Ching Huai, his private secre-
tary, mentions that the Chief Executive
(Marshall Tuan Chi Jui) had offered to
contribute \$100,000 as funeral expenses.

HIS SUCCESSOR.

It is stated in a Chinese paper that Dr.
Sun Yat Sen nominated Mr. Lau Yit as
his successor in the leadership of the
Kuomintang. Mr. Lau Yit is a retired
merchant, whose business career was spent
in the Straits and Java, being interested
in the Java sugar trade. He is stated to
have been associated with Dr. Sun Yat
Sen from the early days of the revolution-
ary movement, but he has not been promi-
nent in the movement and is better
known to the public of South China for
the interest he has taken in advancing
popular education in the teachings of
Confucius.

"SPORTING GUNS."

JAPANESE SEAMAN'S PLEA IN
ARMS CHARGE.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, two
Japanese, a man and a woman, were
charged with having in their possession
two revolvers, two magazines and 200
rounds of ammunition, on the 10th inst.

Police evidence was to the effect that
the arms were being brought ashore from
the s.s. *Hakone Maru* when prisoner
were arrested by an Indian constable.
The articles were wrapped in a ru old
Dutch newspaper. The male prisoner was
an oiler on the s.s. *Hakone Maru*. The
woman, in a statement made on her ar-
rest, said she did not know the contents
of the parcel she was carrying. It had
been given to her by the man. The male
prisoner admitted that the arms were his.

Mr. D'Almeida, who appeared for the
woman, submitted in view of these state-
ments that his client was entitled to an
acquittal.

The male prisoner, in the witness-box,
said that the arms were his property. He
had been told by his friends that they
were new-fashioned sporting guns for
which a permit was unnecessary. Had he
known that it was illegal he would have
taken more care in concealing them. He
asked the woman with whom he was only
usually acquainted, to carry the parcels
for him to the wharf. He did not tell her
what the parcels contained.

The woman prisoner, in the witness-box,
reiterated her former statement. She
said she was a geisha at a Japanese
hotel in Kowloon, and on the morning of
the 10th inst. her mistress sent her to
the *Hakone Maru* to collect accounts. She
was asked by the male prisoner to
carry the parcels for him.

The woman's mistress corroborated this
prisoner's assertion as to her business on
the ship to collect accounts.

His Worship reserved judgment until
to-day.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday a young
Chinese, who described himself as a con-
tractor, was charged with having in his
possession \$50 in Bank of England notes
and a gold watch all of which property
had been stolen a few days before from
a passenger on the *Hakone Maru*. He
was sentenced to six months' hard labour
for the first offence, and one month on a
second charge of pawning stolen goods,
the two sentences to run concurrently.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before
Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., the
master of a trading junk was charged
with unlawfully anchoring his vessel near
the Cable Reserve, between the Star
Ferry Wharf and Queen's Pier. He was
fined \$10, or ten days' imprisonment with
hard labour.

The master of a coffin boat was fined
\$10, or ten days' imprisonment with hard
labour, at the Marine Court yesterday,
before Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.,
for carrying passengers in excess of his
licence.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. K.C.C.

The following will represent the
K.C.C. first XI at Sookunpoo, to-day, at
2 p.m.—H. Overy (capt.), J. C. Lyle,
F. Goodwin, S. Jex, A. W. Ramsey, Geo.
Lee, A. R. F. Raven, R. C. Witzell, T.
M. Cochran, C. J. Tacchi, and J.
Smith.

K.C.C. "A" v. ELECTRIC CO.

The following have been selected to re-
present the home side at Kowloon at 2
p.m. to-day:—B. Petheram (capt.), L.
R. Duncan, W. F. G. Gorvin, A. J.
Kew, E. C. Renton, J. C. Long, D. S.
Green, E. G. Jordah, W. Hill, J. S. Cox,
and E. O. Murphy.

GOLF.

EWO v. WAYFOONG.

This annual fixture takes place to-
morrow (Sunday) at Paiting. The teams
consist of 14 a side and a good match is
anticipated. Ewo have been victorious
recently but this year they are without
their leader—the local Champion, Mr.
A. B. Stewart, whose absence from the
side is bound to be felt.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual athletic sports in connection
with St. Paul's College, were held on the
race-course, Happy Valley, yesterday
afternoon, under the most favourable
weather conditions. There was a large
attendance of students and visitors, and
the different events were watched with
keen interest and evident enjoyment.

Some of the events were exceedingly well
contested and in more than one instance
a school record was set up. Both the
mile and quarter-mile were run in record
time. The Past Students won the Chal-
lenge Team race for the fourth time in
succession; while Lam Yuk Ying estab-
lished a new record in the old boys' race.
In the Senior Championship, honours
were divided, the shield having to be
shared by Fong Ting Kee and Wong Man
Chee, both of whom tied with the same
number of marks. The Junior Champi-
onship was won by Tsang Ping Wah, after
keen competition. Fong Ting Kee, in
addition to sharing the senior champi-
onship honour, also had the distinction of
securing the silver challenge cups award-
ed in the half-mile and quarter-mile
(senior).

The sports were under the patronage
of the Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev.
C. R. Duppuy), who was present during
the afternoon; the various officials and
committees were as under:—

President.—The Rev. A. D. Stewart.
Secretaries.—Mr. E. G. Stewart and
Mr. K. L. Ho.

Judges.—Messrs. S. S. Leung, Ng Wai
U, Mow Yuk Kwan, Wong Chi Tung,
Chan Yuk Kwong, Li Wing Chan, Yiu Siu
Chan, Li Chi Wah and Ho Hin Kun.

Time-keepers.—Messrs. Ko Sik Wai, C.
L. Becker and Tso Chi On.

Starters.—Mr. A. E. Dome and Mr.
Wong Shiu Pui.

Clerks of the Course.—Messrs. Joh Dzo
Sun, Wong Shiu Yau, Hon Luen Fung
and Li Chung Fong.

Reception Committee.—Messrs. Chiu
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Tsang Chi Kong, Lam On Kwok, Kwok
Chi Yee, Kwan Yiu Chor, Wong Chi
Sing, Tan Hoe Lau, Cheng Ching Tin,
Tang Man Teun, Lee Pui Fong, Kan Man
Him, Chow Wing Mui, Pan Wei Fong
and Mak Tat Hoo.

The Committee wish to express thanks
to the following who subscribed to the
prize fund:—

The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Victoria,
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China Universal Trading Co., Ltd.
Also to the Stewards of the Hongkong
Jockey Club for use of the ground.

THE RESULTS.

The principal winners were as under:—
Senior Long Jump.—1, Pang Kin Tung.
(Distance, 16ft. 5in.).

Junior 100 Yards.—1, Chiu Ying Po.

Small Boys 100 Yards.—1, Ng Wa Chan.

Senior 100 Yards.—1, Wong Man Chee.
(Time, 11.2-seconds).

Preparatory School Race.—1, Choa Wan
Hang.

220 Yards Handicap.—1, George Sum.

Junior High Jump.—1, Tsang Ping Wah.
(Height, 4ft. 8 1/2 in.).

Senior High Jump.—1, Chung Hok Nam.
(Height, 5ft. 2 1/2 in.).

Junior 1-Mile.—1, Chau Kun Chiu.

Small Boys 1-Mile.—1, Pong Tak Ming.

Senior 1-Mile.—1, Fong Tin Kee. (Time,
55.3-seconds).

Senior 120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Chan See
Nok. (Time, 15secs.).

Junior 120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Tsang
Bing Wah. (Time, 15secs.).

Invitation Relay Race.—1, St. Joseph's
College; 2, St. Stephen's College; 3,
Queen's College. (Time, 1.41.24).

1 Mile Race (Handicap).—1, Wong Ping
Kwan. (Time, 5.50.4.5).

Senior 3-Mile.—1, Fong Ting Kee.

Scouts' Race.—1, Lee Chuen Hoi and
Lam On Kwok.

Senior Championship.—Fong Ting Kee
and Wong Man Chee (Champions with
11 points each).

Junior Champion.—Tsang Ping Wah (13
points).

PRIZES PRESENTED.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs.
Duppuy presented the various cups and
prizes to the successful competitors.
Before she did so, the Rev. A. D.
Stewart (Headmaster of the College) in-
troduced her. In doing so, he remarked
that there had been one or two good
results achieved that afternoon. "The
quarter-mile and the one-mile race, were
both won in very good time, and he
thought they were school records. He
congratulated St. Stephen's College on
winning the Invitation Race. Another
very good race was the challenge race be-
tween the past and present students of
the College, which the past students had
won. The speaker also offered his con-
gratulations to Fong Ting Kee and Wong
Man Chee in being equal champions in
the senior section, and to Tsang Ping
Wah on obtaining the junior champion-
ship.

Mrs. Duppuy then handed the prizes to
the successful athletes, after which she
was presented with a bouquet. The cus-
tomary cheers brought proceedings to a
close.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RESTORATION OF ST. PAUL'S
CATHEDRAL.[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—Rather more than two months
ago an Appeal was issued by the Dean
and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral for
funds to enable them to carry out what
is hoped to be the final effort to safe-
guard the Cathedral for generations to
come.

The peoples of the British Empire
throughout the world were asked to as-
sist in preserving this great National
Memorial, and towards the sum of
£250,000 required, £241,802 had, we are
advised from London, been subscribed for
on March 1st.

It has been pointed out to me that up
to the present in this Colony there has
been an inadequate response. Apart
from the generous gift of \$204 from the
Hongkong A.D.C., only \$240 has been
received.

It has been represented to me by lead-
ing laymen in this Colony that it would
be well to bring these facts to public
notice.

On Sunday next, it is proposed that
the offertory at St. John's Cathedral
should be devoted to this fund and I hope
at this service to say something of the
place of St. Paul's in our national life.
I hope that there may be a generous
response to this Appeal whether through
this service or by other means.—Yours
faithfully,

C. R. VICTORIA HONGKONG.

Bishop's House,
St. Paul's College, Hongkong,
March 13th, 1925.

UNRELIABLE NEWS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—Anybody who has lived in Can-
ton or Shanghai for a month or two
knows exactly the value that can be
placed upon the news printed in the
Canton Gazette. Presumably the Hong-
kong public must also have a knowledge
of this value, and consequently no ob-
jection has ever been made to you re-
publishing the so-called items of news
from the *Gazette* in your daily paper,
since you always state the source of your
information.

However, when you go out of your way
to head certain paragraphs with block
letters, it is rather natural for the ordi-
nary reader, not conversant with con-
ditions in Canton, to take such news
as appearing under that paragraph as
authentic. I am referring to your issue
of to-day in which you report the loss
of a considerable amount of property
belonging to the British Consul-General.
As a matter of fact, the loss amounted
to one small silver cup of a few dollars
value only.

My objection may seem trivial, but
there is no doubt that the undue pro-
minence given to various articles appear-
ing in Cantonese papers, has been great-
ly responsible for a lot of the trouble
which foreigners in the South have expe-
rienced in the past few years.—Enclow-
ing my card.—I am, Sir, yours faith-
fully.

FACT OR FICTION.

Canton, March 12th, 1925.

CAMOUFLAGED OPIUM.

BIG STOCK SENT TO SHANGHAI
AS TINNED FRUIT.

Customs officers at the China Merchants
Lower Wharf, Shanghai, on March 6th,
seized 40 cases of prepared opium valued
at \$40,000 on board the *Huge-Singnes* s.s.
Albert Voelger.

The drug was in cases purporting to
contain tinned fruit. Apparently it was
consigned to Shanghai at Hongkong, but
on arrival at its destination no attempt
was made to claim it.

CINEMA NOTES.

WORLD THEATRE.

In "The Morphine's Prey" the art of
Mr. Moupin coupled with his deep
understanding of human nature, has
made the film play a fearless presentation
of the stark horrors of the crime for
drugs. The story depicts the greatness
of the sacrifice of a man who loves a
woman and who when unable to overcome
his dreadful craving quickly steps aside
to give place for those whom he thinks
more fit and useful.

CORONET THEATRE.

Not only is "The Fighting Blade"
which is now showing at the Coronet
Theatre the very latest picture by
Richard Barthelmess to reach Hongkong,
but cinema-goers will probably agree
that it is the best, for in it the hand-
some young actor has a role that would
be hard to excel for the scope it gives
him to display his winning personality
and his acknowledged ability as an
artist. Human interest, stirring adven-
ture and beautiful romance—these are
the dominating notes which make "The
Fighting Blade" in its way a very nota-
ble photoplay indeed.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A picture representing the most am-
bitious undertaking Richard Barthelmess
has yet made for the screen comes to the
Queen's Theatre to-day for an engage-
ment of four days. It is the film version
of Joseph Herzschelmer's popular story,
"The Bright Shawl," dealing with the
days of Spanish oppression in Cuba. In
order to obtain the proper atmosphere,
a large part of the story was filmed in
Cuba, the balance being made in New
York. John S. Robertson, responsible
for such productions as "Dr. Jekyll and
Mr. Hyde" and "Sentimental Tommy,"
was the directorial genius behind the
camera.

SHIPMASTER'S CLAIM. CHINA NAVIGATION CO. SUE. COMPANY OFFICIALS GIVE EVIDENCE.

In the case in which Capt. Robert Kettlewell, formerly in the employ of the China Navigation Company, is suing that Company in respect of alleged wrongful dismissal, which was continued yesterday in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) Mr. Potter brought his opening address to an end in the morning, and called upon several officials of the Company to give evidence.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, with Mr. E. S. Zetlin, appeared for the plaintiff, while the Company was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter K. C.

Mr. Potter argued at some length on the measure of damages to which plaintiff was entitled, and quoted legal authorities in support of his contention. He argued that plaintiff was only entitled to recover damages for the loss he had suffered through the Company not giving him three months' notice. Capt. Kettlewell had claimed for loss of benefits that he might have secured had he remained in the service of the China Navigation Co. but whether he got three months' or a month's notice made no difference here at all.

From the very beginning the Company had offered plaintiff £150 on account of disability pension, and this had been paid into Court. If, of course, His Lordship came to the conclusion that Dr. Morrison and Harston were right, plaintiff could take this, though strictly speaking, because he had fought this case on the ground that he was not disabled, he was not entitled to it, but if plaintiff succeeded in proving that these doctors were wrong, then of course he would lose it.

Mr. Jenkin: I can assure you that his would prefer to lose it.

Mr. Potter: I can quite believe that. Mr. Potter called the evidence.

Mr. F. W. James, Engineer Superintendent, was the first to be called, and said that leave on pay was only granted on the expiration of five years' service, and then it was only given on the understanding that the officer was returning to the service of the Company. There was only one exceptional case, where a man who was not returning was granted leave pay, and this officer's pension dated from the time leave pay ceased.

Mr. Jenkin here formally objected to the evidence, stating that the rule of the Company was that the officers were to be paid a specific contract.

Continuing Mr. James said that there was a case of an engineer where the Company's rule was departed from. The reason was an exceptional one and he objected to giving it in open Court, but plaintiff was provided with a written report.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that the officers have stoutly maintained all through that they are entitled to leave pay irrespective of their intention to return to the Company's service. I don't know what the officers' view is. We have no report from our rule.

Has the view of any representative of the officers ever come to your attention? Not to my personal attention, indirectly then? I understand, by hearsay that they look upon it as a right.

Did you have charge of the Lewis case? Yes.

And did not the representative of the Guild, strongly press that the officers considered it a right? Yes.

And said so in letters addressed to you? Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: That is more than hearsay, is it not?

CAPT. INNES CALLED.

Capt. Innes was next called, and related the history of the eye examination on plaintiff as he knew it. It was impossible he said for the Company to employ a man whose eyes were in the condition reported by the doctors. They could not be expected to employ a man with one good eye and one defective eye. Home leave, he said, in reply to a question by Mr. Potter, was granted only to officers who intended remaining in the service of the Company.

Mr. Potter: In the case of a man serving more than five years and not continuing or intending to continue in the Company's employ, could he get home leave? No.

Mr. Jenkin: How long have you been with the China Navigation Company? Over 30 years.

And how long have you been connected with shipping? I first went to sea in 1873.

And subsequently you got your Board of Trade certificate? Yes.

And your eyes were tested by the same authority? Yes.

Do you share the view that the Board of Trade test is useless one? I am not prepared to say whether it is or not.

In 1919 when the plaintiff joined your Company the Board of Trade test was the only eyesight test? Yes.

And it applied to the employment of all officers in the defendant Company until 1923? (I'll give you a later date, later). Yes.

The same applied as regards promotion, until 1923 for certain? Yes.

Up to 1923 the only test you had ever heard of in the defendant Company was the Board of Trade test? Yes.

Did Dr. Morrison telephone you on April 17th asking you what form his certificate should take? I probably asked him whether Captain Kettlewell was fit to take charge of a ship's bridge.

And his letter read "I have now completed my examination and I see no reason why he should not take charge of a ship's bridge"? Yes, but he goes on to say.

Mr. Jenkin: I know what he goes on to say and it was because of that concluding paragraph that you arranged for the Board of Trade test next day? Yes.

If on Monday, the 21st, Capt. Kettlewell had come to you with a pass certificate, he would have gone straight on the *Hunan's* bridge? He did not do it.

Now, now, I put it to you he would have gone straight on the *Hunan's*? Probably; I don't know.

Then what was the object of making the arrangement? To see if he could pass the test.

For what purpose? To see if he confirmed the doubtful part of Dr. Morrison's examination.

If he had passed, he would have gone on the *Hunan's*? I should probably have sent him to Dr. Harston.

Do you mean to say that you had in your mind to send him to Dr. Harston all along? Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: Really?

His Lordship: Would you have required a further examination? Probably. I should have gone to the manager.

Mr. Jenkin: As a matter of routine? Yes, in a doubtful case.

Would there have been a doubt had he passed the test? Yes, because he could not pass the Company's doctor.

His Lordship: Which doctor? Dr. Harston and Dr. Morrison.

Mr. Jenkin: We have not come to Dr. Harston yet.

His Lordship: You must try to be fair to counsel. Try to forget that Dr. Harston is in the case.

Mr. Jenkin: Would not the Board of Trade test have satisfied your doubt? I am afraid not.

Then it was a waste of time sending him? I don't know.

I put it to you the question of Dr. Harston would never have arisen but for the fact that Kettlewell failed to pass the test? No.

JUDGE REBUKES WITNESS

His Lordship: Why was he sent to Dr. Harston? Because he failed to pass the Board of Trade test.

His Lordship: It is perfectly clear now I think, Mr. Jenkin.

Witness: And because of the doubt of Dr. Morrison.

His Lordship: You are fencing with the Court. I am not at all satisfied with the way you are giving your evidence. You state quite clearly one thing and then immediately afterwards drag in something else. You are here to tell the truth in this case; you are not here to act as an adviser.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that the only reason plaintiff was sent to Dr. Harston was because he failed to pass the Board of Trade test? Yes.

And that the decision to send him there rested entirely with Mr. Young, and that you had nothing to do with it at all? Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: During the five years of plaintiff's service with the Company he did continuous bridge duty? Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: During that time he had been in at least three of the Company's ships? Yes.

Mr. Potter: Mr. Kettlewell complained on the Monday when he returned from the Board of Trade test that his eyes were suffering from drops? Yes.

Mr. Potter: On the Saturday when you told him he was to undergo the examination did he make any protest? No.

Mr. Potter: He tells us that he did? My belief is that he made no protest.

Mr. Potter: Following the examination by Dr. Morrison, did you have a conversation with the doctor? I think Dr. Morrison spoke to me about the matter. Of course he did not condemn the man.

Mr. Jenkin: I must object, my Lord. Mr. Potter: Was there a conversation with Dr. Morrison before Mr. Kettlewell underwent the Board of Trade examination? It is such a long while ago I cannot recollect.

Mr. Potter: You sent Mr. Kettlewell to the Harbour Office for the Board of Trade examination. Assuming that Mr. Kettlewell had brought back a perfectly good result, and taking into consideration what you had heard from Dr. Morrison, would you have recommended him for his Captaincy? I would have sent the matter to the managers.

Mr. Jenkin: The witness said that the other way round this morning.

His Lordship: That is where the trouble is.

Mr. Potter: The managers would have decided what further action should be taken? Yes.

Mr. Potter then read the evidence of Dr. Harston, in which the latter stated that if he were employing a ship carrying a man who would certainly not employ Capt. Kettlewell if he could get another officer, and that he took the view that the defect in plaintiff's eyes would increase rather than diminish.

MR. G. M. YOUNG'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. G. M. Young, Manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the agents for the China Navigation Co., was the "next witness, and said that prior to 1914 there was no arrangement whereby officers obtained home leave. In 1914 a scheme was formulated, and circulars were issued to the floating staff. In the first circular it was stated that the object of the scheme was to give a period of relaxation to employees in the service, so as to fit them for further service with the Company.

Mr. Potter: Have the China Navigation Company ever agreed to grant leave if the officer was not returning to the Company? Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: I object to that.

Mr. Potter: It was as a result of Dr. Harston's certificate that the services of Mr. Kettlewell were dispensed with? Yes.

I believe that you sent all the information on the case to London? Yes.

And cabled communications and written communications were received from London, and I believe that the local office acted on these communications? Yes.

Would you accept in your service an officer with one good eye and one defective? No.

When you engage a man for the service of the China Navigation Company, do you believe him to be fit and efficient for the purpose of carrying out bridge duties, if that is the duty he is to carry out? Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: How long have you been in the service of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire? About 26 years.

I take it that it is the consistent policy of the defendant Company to retain in this service good men? Good men from the navigation point of view, in their bearing and general character, and physical fitness, of course, including eyesight? Yes.

One could classify Mr. Kettlewell as a good man, leaving his eyesight out of the question? Yes.

(Continued on next Column).

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

SEQUEL TO OPIUM FIND.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a Chinese coolie appeared on a charge of bribery. It being alleged that he had offered \$50 to police officers as a bribe to let him go, when he was arrested on a tram-car on Wednesday evening with 50 tael of opium on him.

The previous day (Thursday), the defendant appeared before Mr. Wood, charged with being in unlawful possession of 50 tael of raw opium, valued at \$1,000, or six months' imprisonment in default.

In connection with the subsequent charge of bribery brought against him yesterday, Sergeant Dunlop said he was on special picket duty in Queen's Road Central on Wednesday morning. At 7.15 p.m. he boarded a tram-car, going in the direction of East Point, accompanied by a Chinese detective and an Indian constable, for the purpose of searching the passengers. The detective went upstairs and witness heard him tell one of the passengers to put up his hands. The passenger refused and witness and the Indian constable went upstairs and held the man while the detective searched him. The detective found a quantity of opium tied around the defendant in a blue sash. In Arsenal Street they all got off the car and proceeded to the Central Police Station in a private motor-car.

On the way there, the defendant offered to give them \$50 to drink tea if they would let him go. Defendant then handed \$20 to the Indian constable, who passed it to the witness, and said he would give them the other \$30 when they allowed him to go.

Corroborative evidence was given by the Chinese detective and the Indian constable.

Mr. Wood told defendant that whatever happened, in this case, the penalty inflicted the previous day for being in possession of the opium would stand.

Defendant making a statement from the dock, said he was a boarding-house runner and that it was part of his business to meet passengers on the steamers. Someone gave him the opium to carry to a certain place and he was paid \$80 for his trouble. He asked for leniency and a light sentence. If the court fined him or allowed him out on bail, he would find the other man and point him out to the police.

His Worship committed defendant for trial at the April Criminal Sessions.

EARNshaw ENQUIRY.

RE-OPENING MAY BE NECESSARY.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. E. W. Hamilton stated that one of the jurors engaged in the inquiry into the death of Mr. R. Earnshaw is due to leave the Colony on the 15th March. In this case if it were necessary to swear in another juror, the enquiry might have to be reopened.

It is also anticipated that if Mr. H. W. Abbott should not return to the Colony in time the enquiry will be re-opened in his absence.

I put it to you that if a good, fit competent man serves his five years, the Company would never dream of depriving him of his benefits? We have no right to do that under the contract.

You told Mr. Potter that when this question cropped up you reported the matter to London. Did you do that personally? I signed the letter.

Do you take the responsibility for the letter? Certainly.

Did you know that at the examination conducted by Dr. Morrison, Kettlewell had had certain drops inserted into his eyes which he claimed affected him when he went to the Board of Trade examination, and made it practically impossible for him to pass it? I had heard about it.

Don't you think that in a matter of such vital importance to this man, as his dismissal from your service, that a medical facts ought to have gone before anyone in the position of arranger? I considered we had to take the best possible advice on the matter and sent Kettlewell to Dr. Harston.

We know now that when Kettlewell failed at the Board of Trade test he registered a protest, which was recorded at the time, that his eyes were suffering, and therefore he could not pass the examination. And that is an important factor? Our position was that we wanted the Company's doctors to certify before putting him in command of a ship, and I had to know if his eyesight was up to the Company's standard.

I put it to you that in the letter that was sent to London some vital material facts were not mentioned? As far as I know we only took Dr. Harston's opinion on the matter.

You just put in the letter what you thought was sufficient? Yes.

Would the London office be influenced by the fact that Kettlewell had failed to pass the Board of Trade test? I don't think they would, after Dr. Harston did not pass him. We were content with Dr. Harston's certificate.

Dr. Aubrey: I think personally interviewed you for the purpose of representing to you what the state of Kettlewell's eyes were in June? Yes.

And Dr. Aubrey is Doctor to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company? Yes.

Did it occur to you that when a gentleman of the standing of Dr. Aubrey came and represented the possibility of there having been a grave error in regard to the testing of this man's eyes, that plaintiff might have been given another test? Dr. Aubrey came to my office and I told him what Dr. Harston had said, and Dr. Aubrey immediately replied "If this is a difference between Doctors I will stop out." Dr. Aubrey came on behalf of Kettlewell but it was no use talking to me about eyesight. I simply depend on the Company's doctors.

His Lordship adjourned the case until 10.30 on Monday morning.

TOURISTS BECALMED!

MISHAP TO S.S. "HONAN" ON VOYAGE FROM HONGKONG.

ANXIETY FOR "CALIFORNIANS."

When the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. *Honan*, carrying some 188 passengers (who comprise part of the large company that are making the round-the-world tour on the Cunard Anchor liner, the s.s. *California*) from Canton, failed to put in an appearance at Hongkong yesterday morning some hours after her scheduled time for arrival, speculation was rife as to what had caused her unaccountable delay in reaching this port. Many were the conjectures as to her whereabouts and what had happened to her. At first it was thought that she had become one more addition to the list of vessels that have been subjected to piracy on the high seas; while again the suggestion was advanced that the *Honan* had gone aground in a fog, or had met with some other disaster. Fortunately, however, none of these fears materialised and there was much relief when the news came through late in the forenoon that the steamer had only suffered a breakdown in her engines, and that apart from being disabled and unable to reach the harbour, she was in no distress.

The excursionists left for Canton on Thursday morning by the *Lung Shan*, very soon after the *California* had moored at her buoy and were to have returned by the *Honan* later in the day.

In the ordinary course of events the *Honan* would have left Canton for Hongkong at 3 p.m. but in order to allow the trippers another hour of sight-seeing in the City, the departure was delayed for an hour. Usually the *Honan* is one of three ships that proceed under the anti-piracy convoy guard from Canton, the two other vessels being the *Kwangtung* and the *Tung On*. These two steamers left Canton to schedule time under convoy, but as stated, the *Honan* remained behind for another hour, leaving Canton about 6 p.m. It was in consequence of the fact that she was not convoyed that fears that she had been pirated first arose, and naturally some anxiety was felt for her safety until the true facts of the case were made known. In the ordinary course of events, the *Honan* should have arrived at Hongkong about midnight, or at any rate in the early hours of the morning, and when at breakfast time there was no definite news as to her whereabouts, there was very naturally some excitement.

SEARCH INSTITUTED.

During yesterday morning, when it was ascertained that something must have happened, help of the naval and police authorities was sought. H.M.S. *Moth* went up the river to search for the missing steamer and police launches also set out with the object of ascertaining how she was situated. Towards noon, word was received in the Colony that the *Honan* was lying disabled on Taishan. It appears that she developed engine trouble about 25 miles from Hongkong about 11 o'clock on Thursday night, and unable to proceed any further, safely anchored off Castle Peak. A B. & S. vessel sighted her early yesterday morning and on reaching Hongkong reported her whereabouts. Arrangements were then made to send a tug to her assistance, and tow her in. Later in the day, another steamer came into port and reported that she had seen the *Honan* anchored about three miles below Fanning, and that she was flying no distress signals.

SAFE ARRIVAL IN PORT.

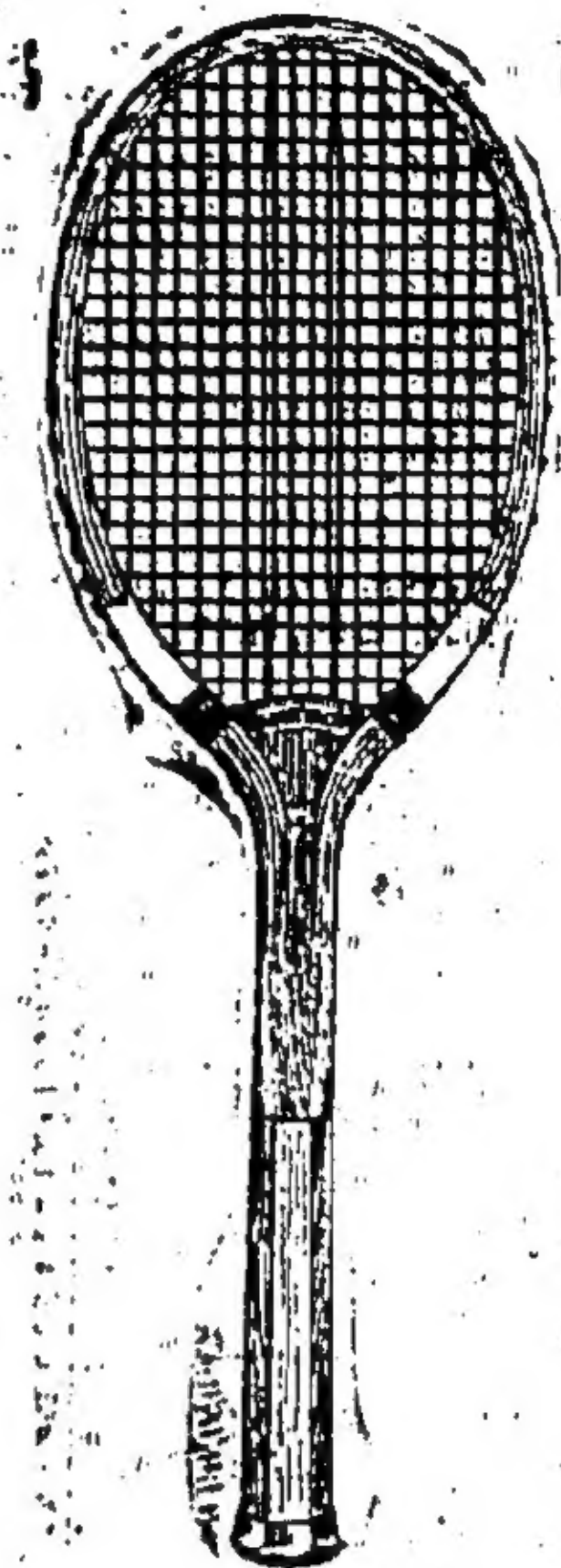
Just after noon yesterday, the *Henry Kewick* left Hongkong for the purpose of towing the *Honan* in, but the passengers did not have to wait for her to do this. The *Lung Shan*, on her way down from Canton saw the *Honan*, and finding out what her position was, took off all the American tourists and brought them on to Hongkong, where they were landed at the Steamboat Co.'s wharf about 3.45 p.m., and then conveyed by ferry to the Kowloon wharf, where the *California* is tied up.

The tourists were none the worse for their mild adventure, and apart from the annoyance of wasting much valuable time, which they might have utilised in visiting other beauty spots and places of interest, it caused them very little inconvenience. In fact many of them seemed to enjoy the experience, for the majority passed the time by playing games on deck.

Other tourists from the *California* left for Canton yesterday morning, undeterred by the fact that at the time of their leaving, no news had been received of the whereabouts of the *Honan*. Full arrangements have been made for the entertainment of our visitors during their short stay in the Colony, such as motor drives around the Island, visits to the Peak and to Repulse Bay and Macao.

The *California* leaves for the South to-morrow morning.

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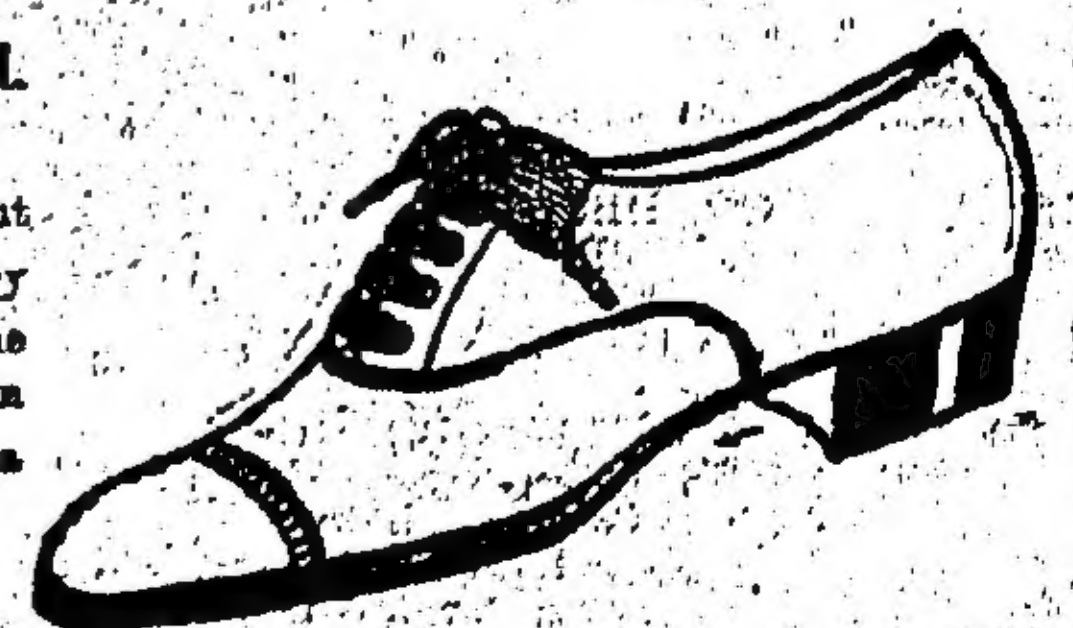
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NOTICE.

THE Collections TO-MORROW at St. John's Cathedral will be given to St. Paul's Cathedral Restoration Fund. The Preacher at 11 o'clock will be The LORD BISHOP, and at 6 p.m. The Rev. G. S. S. UREDBILL.

[1853]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, Des Voeux Road, Central, on SATURDAY, the 27th of MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st of MARCH, to the 26th of MARCH, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFAIR & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1925. [1853]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following are the Revised Dates on which EXTRA RACE MEETINGS are to be held this season—

1st and 15th APRIL, 2nd and 16th MAY, 3rd and 17th JUNE, 10th and 11th OCTOBER, 7th NOVEMBER, and 5th DECEMBER.

[1851]

TO LET.

FROM JUNE 1st, 1925, Two OFFICE ROOMS on 2nd Floor, NEW BANK BUILDING. Most suitable for Share or Exchange Brokers. Apply to SANG KEE, same Building.

[1854]

CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.

TENDERS INVITED FOR STEEL CARBO SEEDS FOR CHEFOO.

THE CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION invites TENDERS for the furnishing of Two All-steel, Single Storey, Pitched-roof, GALVANIZED SHEEDS, each 200 ft. long, by 50 ft. wide, by 14 ft. high to the eave; to be built of Steel Sections with Plain (not galvanised) Corrugated Steel Roofing and Siding and provided with Solid Steel Sliding Doors, Steel Sash Windows, Ventilators, Gutters, etc. To be delivered c.i.f. Chefoo. The Sheeds should be set up in the Shop and shipped knocked down for immediate Re-erection at the Site.

SEALED TENDERS should be sent to the TREASURER, CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION, CHEFOO, ON or before the 31st MAY, 1925.

Plan and Specifications can be obtained from the Treasurer on application.

The CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION does not bind itself to accept the Lowest or any of the Tenders submitted.

[1855]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

THE Steamship "TRAFFORD HALL" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 19th March, 1925, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 19th March, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1925. [1855]

VEREENIGDE NEDERLANDSCHE SCHEEPVAART-MAATSCHAPPIJ (UNITED NETHERLANDS NAVIGATION CO.).

HOLLAND-OOST AZIE LIJN (HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE).

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG AND BREMEN.

THE Steamship "OSMA" (3) having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 19th March, 1925, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th March, 1925, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within Ten days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Underwriter in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAVO-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1851]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., 20, Des Voeux Road, Central, on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

INTIMATIONS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its re-constitution) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1924.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th day of March, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SONS, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1925. [1859]

THE HONGKONG AND WHANPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 27th to the 30th MARCH, 1925, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1878]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Union Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th DAY OF MARCH, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, viz—

"That out of the Unissued Capital of the Society there be issued 25,000 Shares of £10 each, credited as paid-up to the extent of £4 per Share ranking for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the Shares of the Society already issued; and that the said additional Shares shall so far as shall be necessary for the purpose be allotted to those Shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the offer of the Society made to them on the 3rd day of December, 1924 (being an offer to 'acquire Shares in the Association on the basis of the allotment of One Share in the Society in exchange for One Share in the Association) and that the balance (if any) of the said additional Shares may be allotted and disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Dated the 9th day of March, 1925.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.

1925. [1873]

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the "OLD BOYS" of the DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL will be held at the School, on SATURDAY, 21st of MARCH, 1925, at 7 p.m. All Past Pupils are Cordially invited to Attend. Names should be sent to the Under-Signed Not Later Than 17th of MARCH.

H. GITTINS, (c/o Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Phone C. 215).

For WONG, (c/o Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd., Phone C. 438).

B. C. RANDALL, (c/o Messrs. BARNARD & Potts, Phone C. 1152).

1925. [1851]

G. B. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th MARCH, 1925,

at N. N. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at Kowloon Naval Dock, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 Noon to 1.30 p.m.

"OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES", &c.,

Comprising—

Money Chests, Spring Balances, Galvanized Tins, Dishes, Wharves, Gigs, Bala Rafia, Ropes, Sails, Electrical and Wireless Telegraphy Fittings, Carbons, Electric Cable, Cooking Stoves, Ships, Fittings and Firehose Gear, Iron Beds, Mattresses and Fittings, Life Rafts, Belts, Carpets, Rugs, Mats, Table Covers, Blankets, Counterpanes, Curtains, Overcoats, Canvas, India Rubber and Metalls, Shoes and Tins, Old Cordage, Canvas Bags, Old India Ropes, Old Asbestos, Old Paint Drums, Old Cork, New Canvas Outtings, Old Lead Battery Plates, Old Iron and Steel, Old Brass, Copper, Lead and Zinc, Copper & Brass Tubes, Coal Sacks, Brown Jeans, Wood and Iron Blocks, Lamps and Fittings, Gangs, Steel Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty Mineral Oil, Anchors, Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling and Grinding Machines, Lathes, Tool Grinders, Drills, Pumps, Cutter and Dynamo Engines, Tables, Compasses, Bingsacles, Logs, Clocks, Iron Drums, Old Packing Cases, Packing Boards, Old Casts, Bigging Chain, Bungs, Wire Bravies, Glass Tubes, Side Scuttles, Bales, Anvils, Forges, Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Ironmongery, Pneumatic Drills, Filers, &c., &c.

Lots may be inspected on MONDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1925.

ALSO SALE OF OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY, 27th MARCH.

Comprising—Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, &c., Remnants, Blankets, Rummy Articles of Mess and Table Gear, (including Electro-Plated Ware), Clothing, Condensed Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c.

Terms of Sale—As detailed in Catalogue.

LAMBERT BROTHERS, By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.

1925. [1851]

INTIMATIONS

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

ENTRIES for the above CLOSE on MONDAY, 16th MARCH, 1925, Entrance Fee (\$2) should be forwarded to HON. SEC. VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

1925. [1971]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, F. & C. BURNING, on SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1924, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd MARCH, to 14th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1925. [1916]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Underigned on FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1958]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to the HUI KWONG LAY of 312, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4/444 and dated Thirtieth day of November, 1907, for Shares numbered 1423 to 1429, both inclusive and 7107 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty Days from the Date hereby No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates.

Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.

T. A. CLARK, Secretary and Manager.

1925. [1953]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to the CHU WING ON of 312, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4/456 and dated Thirtieth November 1907 for Shares numbered 6476 to 6482 both inclusive and 7707 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty Days from the Date hereof No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates.

Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.

T. A. CLARK, Secretary and Manager.

1925. [1959]

LENTE MISSION AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

THE REV. FATHER M. J. MCNEAL, S.J., of the CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY of TOKYO, JAPAN, will give a LENTE MISSION at the CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, commencing WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH to WEDNESDAY, MARCH the 25th.

The Mission will begin Every Day at 6 p.m., but on SUNDAY, MARCH the 22nd, it will commence at 4.30 p.m.

All Catholics are Cordially Invited to Attend.

1925. [1974]

CITY HALL.

MONDAY, 16th MARCH, 1925, at 5.30 p.m.

CELLO RECITAL.

THE DISTINGUISHED RUSSIAN CELLIST Mr. SERGE STORPIN.

At the Piano—Mr. HARRY ORR.

ADMISSION—\$2.51.

BOOKING AT ANDERSON'S.

1925. [1960]

THE 11TH ANNUAL PIANOFORTE RECITAL.

PROF. DANENBERG'S PUPILS.

WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 24th MARCH.

AT THE CITY HALL.

at 5.30 p.m. SHARP.

TICKETS OBTAINABLE AT ANDERSON'S.

At \$1.00 Each.

1925. [1957]

INTIMATIONS

WATSON'S

Celebrated

DRY GINGER ALE

Its unique 'dryness' delightful aroma and rich flavour are features which give this beverage the IMMENSE POPULARITY it deserves.

It has been repeatedly declared by travellers, tourists and others, that WATSON'S DRY GINGER ALE is UNEQUALLED by any similar product throughout the world.

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AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

BIRTHS.

Beggs.—At Shanghai, on March 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. T. Beggs, a daughter.

De Litz.—At Hankow, on March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. C. de Litz, a son.

Hiltner.—On March 6th, to Dr. and Mrs. WALTER G. HILTNER, a son, Frederick Mead.

Murray.—At Shanghai, on March 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. DOUGLAS T. MURRAY, a son.

DEATH.

PITCHAIR.—At Shanghai, on March 9th, FRANCIS BERNARD PITCAIRN, M.I.C.E. (Engineer-in-Chief and Manager of the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.), in his 49th year.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 14TH, 1925.

TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA.

An apprehensive "crook" is a very embarrassing partner, as the British Trade Union trippers, who lately returned from Russia after a tour in Bolshevik linkers were reminded almost daily following their return. When the last mail left they were engaged upon the tedious incubation of a report, which is to do what it can to convey the impression to the public there that the great Socialist experiment in Russia has not been a failure.

Communism—as one of its admirers explained in the days before the case of Soviet Russia became so desperate—is "Socialism in its working clothes," and Bolshevism is, of course, pure Communism. Russia used to be a great grain-exporting country, but last month it was disclosed that the Soviet Government had been bidding for considerable quantities of seed-corn in the London market, and had also been buying American flour.

The Moscow Commissars are hard pressed for cash, as was plainly shown by their recent endeavour to get a loan for which the British Government would be surety. If they are buying wheat and flour where the vendors are little likely to give them credit, the reason manifestly is that famine is again impending in Russia, as M. KERENSKY has told us that it is. That is bad enough, but we have a further damaging admission made by one of the

leading organisers of Bolshevik trade on the occasion of the anniversary of LENIN's death on January 21st. This important official, Comrade SMILG, began by stating that the expulsion of private capital had greatly impeded economic progress. He then plumped out the confession that "At the present moment without the extensive participation of private capital in Russia's trade it is impossible to realise our purpose of tightening the bonds between the town and the country. Efforts to solve this problem exclusively by means of co-operative societies and State trading enterprises are doomed to failure." Then he added, "We must again make room for private capital." When he thus torpedoed the whole of Socialism with it.

TOWARDS SOBRIETY.

The teetotal fanatic in Great Britain calling for Prohibition seems likely soon to find himself in the predicament of OTHELLO, with his occupation gone. A remarkable fact emerges from a perusal of the reports of the police authorities to the Magistrates on the various Licensing Benches throughout the country as regards convictions for drunkenness during last year. It is the comparatively few cases that were dealt with. The habit of imbibing too freely is apparently a thing of the past, or very nearly so. Even in seaside towns, like Southend, where hundreds of thousands of East End trippers spend a day devoted to merry-making it is the exception to find people intoxicated. Southend has a resident population of 120,000, and in the Summer this is increased to an average population of 250,000 by the influx of visitors from factory and workshop, and yet during 1924 there were all told only 118 convictions for drunkenness—less than one per thousand spread over the twelve months. This is indicative of what is now the rule in Great Britain, and Southend is mentioned only as an illustration. About twenty years ago the Southend police used to have as many "drunks" on their hands on a Bank Holiday as they had all last year. It would not be easy to say what has wrought the change. Obviously when we have the same thing in different parts of England the movement towards sobriety is not sporadic or local, but national. Perhaps the high price of alcohol, and the indifferent quality of the liquor supplied, have something to do with it.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on March 12th shows 1 Portuguese case of enteric fever.

Revised dates are given in an advertisement to-day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Extra Race meetings to be held this season.

Quite a large gathering of children attended at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening, when a cinematograph display was given, which was thoroughly enjoyable.

On Wednesday morning a fishing junk from Shaikwan collided with another junk at Po Tai O, whereupon the master jumped on the second junk and shots were heard. In the morning the master of the first boat was missing. The crew of the second vessel were later taken into custody by the Police.

A party of police on Thursday raided an unnumbered house at Lau Sa To, Kowloon City, in connection with a recent robbery carried out at the residence of Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios, Peace Avenue, Ho Man Tin, last Saturday, and some of the stolen property has been recovered, and five men arrested.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of—Mr. Reginald Emil Ost, manager of Arnold and Company, to Miss Fedora Alice Deakin, of the Hill Crest, The Peak; Mr. Alfred Frederick don Remedios, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to Miss Lucia Marin Belmont, of No. 5, Punjab Buildings, Kowloon.

A boy, residing at St. Stephen's Hostel, reported to the Police that at 7 p.m. on Thursday evening he was at Pokfulam, near Sassoon Road, when he was stopped by two men, one armed with a revolver. The men searched him and took from his pocket a motor licence. He handed them \$5 and after subjecting him to a further search, they stole six brass buttons, valued at 40 cents.

There was a large gathering of the Netherlands community of the Colony at the Queen's Theatre yesterday evening, when the film "Holland" was shown. This is the third time it has been screened in the Colony, but unlike other films which once seen do not attract again, it gives one a remarkably full insight into the geography, customs and industries of the Netherlands.

OBITUARY.

SIR FRANCIS PITCAIRN.

A Reuter's cable conveys news of the death at home of Sir Francis Pittgott, who was Chief Justice in Hongkong from 1900 to 1912. He retired on pension, much against his personal wishes, on reaching an age limit (80 years) that was imposed on Civil servants during his period of service in Hongkong.

Educated in Paris, Worthing College, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his M.A. degree and LL.M., he was called to the Bar in 1874, and started on a varied and interesting career. In 1887 he went on a special mission to Italy. From 1887-91 he was Legal Adviser to the Prime Minister of Japan (then the famous Marquis Ito) and assisted, we believe, in drawing up the Constitution of Japan. Afterwards, in 1893, he became Secretary to the Attorney-General of Great Britain, Sir Charles Russell, M.P., on the Behring Sea Arbitration. Then followed an appointment as Acting Chief Judge of Mauritius, 1893-97, Procureur and Advocate-General, Mauritius, 1894-1903, and in the latter year he came to Hongkong as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a position he held for seven years.

The late Sir Francis Pittgott was a pugnacious worker and a man of considerable versatility of genius. He was the author of a number of legal works on such subjects as "Foreign Judgments"; "Extra-territoriality and Consular Jurisdiction"; "Principles of the Law of Torts"; "Nationality and Naturalisation and the English Law on the High Seas and beyond the Realm." In the period of the war he added to his record many publications on the rights of Belligerents and Neutrals and the Freedom of the Seas. His literary output was not confined to legal subjects. There are books of his of considerable merit on such subjects as "The Garden of Japan," "Music and Musical Instruments of the Japanese," and a volume of "Letters on the Chinese Constitution." Under the nom de plume of "Hope Dawlish" Sir Francis published two readable novels, if not more.

When Sir Francis left Hongkong he went to Peking. At that time the task of framing a Republican Constitution for China was under consideration and Sir Francis, who had assisted in the drafting of the Japanese Constitution, offered his services in a similar capacity to the Chinese Government, who, however, did not avail themselves of the offer. Some little time later he came down to Hongkong was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court and appeared as Counsel in a case of some considerable importance. That, we believe, was his only appearance in the Supreme Court as a barrister. He fell ill, and went Home. When he recovered he devoted himself to literary work, and articles from his pen frequently appeared in the *Nineteenth Century*, but later there has been no sign of his activity.

The Knighthood was conferred when he was appointed Chief Justice of Hongkong. Sir Francis married in 1881 and had two sons. He was 73 at the time of his death.

MR. S. R. PITCAIRN.

Mr. Francis Bernard Pitcairn, M.I.C.E., engineer-in-chief of the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., passed away suddenly at the General Hospital, Shanghai, early on Monday morning. Mr. Pitcairn attended his office on the previous Saturday in spite of being ill, but later pneumonia developed, which swiftly fatal result.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LORD CURZON.

HIS CONDITION IS CAUSING MUCH ANXIETY.

LONDON, March 13th.

A bulletin issued today states that Lord Curzon passed a fair night, though his condition is the cause of much anxiety. His general strength is maintained, and he has had a fair amount of sleep.

GENEVA PROTOCOL.

BRITISH PRESS APPROVES ITS "BURIAL" BY CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, March 13th.

This morning's papers are generally fully satisfied with Mr. Austen Chamberlain's "burial" of the Geneva Protocol. They are disposed to demand expediting some concrete alternative.

The Times says the whole trouble in Europe—the unrest, oppressive fears responsible for such schemes as the Protocol—is due to the menacing Franco-German conflict. Let France and Germany make an arrangement as Mr. Chamberlain describes and Britain will gladly participate. The paper adds that the present occasion is favourable.

On the other hand the Daily Herald complains of Mr. Chamberlain's " cynical attitude, above all his advocacy of limited alliances."

THE ROYAL NAVY.

THE BRITISH ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME.

LONDON, March 13th.

The navy estimates for 1925-1926 total £20,500,000, an increase of £4,700,000 compared to the current year. They do not include provision for new construction, which is now being considered, but provide for completion of the cruisers Effingham, Emerald and Enterprise and submarines L26 and L27, while the construction of the battleships Rodney and Deland and five cruisers of the Kent class, one minelayer two destroyers and one submarine will be further advanced. The Admiralty is greatly interested in the development of airships with a view to their possible value for naval reconnaissance. The Admiralty is studying a design for mooring-masts in ships, which is an important development. If successful, it will enhance the value of airships for naval purposes and reduce the base expenditure by rendering the bases mobile.

The personnel of the fleet is 102,000, an increase of 2,175. The estimates provide for the resumption of the work of development of the naval base at Singapore, which is emphasised as a vital link in the chain of communications with the British dominions in the Pacific.

INDIAN ESTIMATES.

COTTON AND OPIUM LOOM LARGE IN ASSEMBLY.

DELHI, March 13th.

The Assembly by 70 votes to 42 passed a motion to strike out of the estimates Rs. 70,000 for a cotton excise staff, despite Government's opposition, on the ground that funds did not permit the reduction of the excise duty. Sir Purochandas Thakurdas expressed indignation at the declaration of Sir Charles Innes, Commerce Member, that mill-owners now said Japan, not Lancashire was Bombay's competitor. The speaker said Sir Charles Innes was misleading the Assembly for the removal of the excise to enable India successfully to compete with Lancashire.

THE OPIUM GRANT.

EARLIER CABLES.

DELHI, March 12th.

In the Assembly Mr. Duraiswami Aiyangar moved that the opium grant be omitted from the Estimates. He urged cessation of the opium traffic. Dr. Datta, in an effective speech, urged the suppression of the traffic and a number of Indian members supported him. Mr. Ramchandrarao moved the appointment of a committee of investigation. The debate was adjourned.

LATEST CABLES.

At the resumed debate on the Opium Grant in the Assembly Pandit Mulviya urged the appointment of a committee to enquire into the use of opium in India after the provincial Governments had reported thereon.

Pundit Milind Nehrui said the whole Swaraj Party condemned the Government's policy. Mr. Duraiswami Aiyangar withdrew his motion for the abolition of the "total opium grant."

The Assembly carried Mr. Ramchandrarao's motion for a cut of one hundred rupees by 52 votes to 10. The discussion then closed.

M. ALBERT SARRAUT.

PARIS, March 13th. It is official announced that M. Albert Sarraut has been appointed French Ambassador to Turkey.

EARLIER CABLES.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WEAK POINTS OF PROTOCOL EXPOSED AT GENEVA.

PROB AND COSA DISCUSSED.

GENEVA, March 13th.

Addressing the Council of the League of Nations Assembly Mr. Austen Chamberlain announced that the British decision, after consultation with the Dominions and India, was not to accept the Protocol in its present form. He said the work of the League continues beneficent and promising, and though America remains in a state of friendly aloofness individual Americans had extended their sympathy for the service. Generosity would be very unwise and add to the liabilities already incurred by the League without considering the machinery of the covenant, already weakened by the abstention of certain States. The change, especially as regards economic sanctions, amounted to a transformation of the economic sanctions, and would be a weapon of incalculable power, but the mere existence of powerful economic communities outside the League changed all that.

Additions made to the original covenant destroyed its balance and altered its spirit and emphasis, and also laid sanctions in military procedure. It ceteris paribus suggested that the vital business of the League was not so much the promotion of friendly co-operation and reasoned harmony as the preservation of peace by organising a war, perhaps on the largest scale. The British Government was of opinion that anything leading to a war was the main business of the League was war, rather than peace was likely to weaken its fundamental task.

He asked why should disarmament immediately follow the acceptance of the Protocol, and why should this new scheme succeed when the old one had lamentably failed. The covenant, if kept, would afford protection, but what object doubt is, when it comes to the point with the covenant be kept? Brute force was what either some faithless member of the League or some predatory nation outside would fear, and brute force only could, in their view, give the security they needed. His Majesty's Government fails to see how this could be bettered by the Protocol.

Referring to clause fifteen of the Protocol, he said His Majesty's Government did not desire to relieve the aggressor of the duty of repairing the damage, and strongly held the view that frontiers should neither be lightly made nor lightly violated. They accepted the principle of sovereign States managing their own affairs, but considered it unwise to embody these generalities in dogmas of inflexible rigidity, applicable in all circumstances at all times. They failed to see why the League should be liberally deprived itself of the discretion which all other tribunals were free to exercise in dealing with unprovoked aggression or barbarous wars.

Mr. Chamberlain said the second half of clause fifteen protected the aggressor, and asked whether in such a case the League was to do nothing better than ask for money.

NEED OF SANCTIONS.

While every scheme of sanctions was open to criticism, some scheme of sanctions was certainly necessary, as without it the League would be as insecure as civilised society without magistrates or police. His Majesty's Government might be content to say it preferred the covenant unamended to the covenant amended by the Protocol, but did not wish to be merely critical, and they were therefore willing to consider the possibility of approaching the question from the side unsuccessfully attempted in 1923. He concluded that since the general provisions of the covenant cannot adequately be stiffened, and since extreme cases with which the League might have to deal would probably affect certain nations or groups of nations more nearly than others, His Majesty's Government had decided that the best way of dealing with the situation was with the co-operation of the League supplement to the covenant, and by special arrangements to meet special needs. These must be purely defensive in spirit, and with close harmony in the League. These aims were best attained by knitting together the nations concerned by means of treaties to maintain unbroken peace. No treaty, however, could be found against future calamities.

FAVOURABLY INCLINED.

Signor Scialoja (Italy) agreed to some of Mr. Chamberlain's criticisms and accepted the principle of defensive pacts under the League.

Japan had not yet completed its study of the Protocol. He appreciated the lofty sentiments animating last year's adoption thereof.

M. Hymans (Belgium) was convinced that the Protocol would ultimately bear fruit. The South American delegates affirmed their solidarity towards the League. Senor Mello-Franco (Brazil) stated that the British statement must not discourage the world.

M. Briand (France) after dwelling on the importance of Mr. Chamberlain's speech, defended the development of the covenant. He did not believe there was anything formal or decisive in the British statement. France stood by the Protocol, but did not oppose the amendment thereof. He concluded by reading a French Government statement in favour of the Protocol.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.] CANADA'S REASONS.

OTTAWA, March 13th. In the House of Commons, Mr. Mackenzie King, explaining Canada's rejection of the Geneva Protocol, stated that among the reasons therefor was consideration of the effect of non-participation of the United States upon attempts to enforce sanctions, particularly in the case of a contiguous country, like Canada.

Mr. Mackenzie King added that Canada would be prepared to participate in any general conference on the reduction of armaments, which did not involve prior acceptance of the Protocol.

LATEST CABLES.

A RIFF INCIDENT.

CABLE SHIP "AMBER" FIRED UPON.

GIBRALTAR, March 13th.

The Riffs fired on the Eastern Telegraph Company's ship Amber, engaged in repairing cables off the African coast, despite the ship having hoisted the British ensign.

A Spanish gun-boat intervened and shelled the shore.

EARLIER CABLES.

ELECTIONS IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, March 12th.

The results of the final elections for Parliament up to the present are as follows:—Zaghulists 97; others 94. Fourteen results are outstanding. Zaghul himself has been re-elected.

LATEST CABLES.

A CLOSE TUSSE.

CAIRO, March 13th.

It is officially announced that 101 Zaghulists and 101 candidates of other parties have hitherto been elected. New elections have been ordered in nine constituencies, which are likely to result in the return of two Zaghulists and seven others. The results of the three frontier provinces will be declared a month hence. The Government forecast of the final figure is 103 Zaghulists and 111 of other parties.

EARLIER CABLES.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

IMPORTS IN FEBRUARY STILL EXCEED EXPORTS.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Board of Trade returns for February are as follows:—Imports £110,147,000 and Exports £98,530,000; compared with imports £12,897,000 and exports £39,050,000 in January.

THE COLOUR BAR.

REFER SOUTH AFRICAN BILL TO SELECT COMMITTEE.

CAPE TOWN, March 12th.

Mr. Hertzog has acted on General Smuts' suggestion to refer the Colour Bar Bill to a select committee.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST RESULTS IN LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, March 12th.

Latest League results are:—English League, Second Division. Leicester, 3; Crystal Palace, 1. Third Division (North). Halifax, 2; Crewe, 2.

LATEST CABLES.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

ENGLISH TOURING TEAM IN FINAL MATCH.

ADELAIDE, March 13th.

The final match of the M.C.C. tour, against South Australia, was commenced today, in fine weather, on a perfect wicket, and before a crowd estimated at 5,000.

The M.C.C. batted first and were all out for 179, of which Sandham scored 88. A Richardson took 5 wickets for 35; Palmer 4 for 50 and Grimmett 1 for 40. South Australia, at the close of the day's play, had made 75 for the loss of two wickets.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.] DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

HONOLULU, March 13th.

Hawaii players have forwarded a challenge for the Davis Tennis Cup.

ANOTHER NURMI RECORD.

NEW YORK, March 13th.

The Finn athlete, Nurmi, ran 3,000 metres in 8 mins., 22.5 seconds today. His time is 2.5 of a second faster than the record.

STANDARD FOR COTTON.

A TENTATIVE AMERICAN AND BRITISH AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 13th.

The Anglo-American Cotton Association representatives have signed certificates, accepting the Department of Agriculture's copies as universal standards for white cotton. The representatives of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange, Manchester Federation of Master Cotton-spinners' Association, who previously announced they would withdraw from the agreement under which these standards were effective, also signed certificates, conditionally that the standards are effective for 2-year periods instead of annual and that the conference be empowered to alter the copies should they deteriorate.

EARLIER CABLES.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

ATTORNEY-GENERALSHIP ISSUE LEADS TO CHALLENGE.

WASHINGTON, March 12th.

President Coolidge has thrown down the gauntlet to his opponents in the Senate by again submitting Mr. Warren's name for the Attorney-Generalship. [An earlier article stated that after over a month's debate, the Senate by 41 votes to 39 rejected Mr. Warren's nomination for the Attorney-Generalship, which President Coolidge supported. A wave of applause swept the galleries when the rejection was announced.]

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT UPON HIS POLITICAL CAREER.

PARIS, March 12th.

Commenting on the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen the evening papers pay tribute to the deceased's patriotism, while regretting his later-day Bolshevikist proclivities. Le Temps says Dr. Sun had generous ideas, but ruined his reputation by ignorance of the conditions of sound policy, and his perpetual vain agitation.

A BRILLIANT FAILURE.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Times in its obituary of Sun Yat Sen alludes to him as "A Brilliant Failure." It says that those who have followed his romantic and stormy career must genuinely regret such a pitiful failure at the end. It adds that a possible explanation of such a dead-end fall is contained in the saying *corruptio optima penam*.

MANDATE IN EULOGY.

PEKING, March 13th.

A mandate in eulogy has been issued, ordering the most liberal scale of posthumous honours to be conferred on the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, "so as to show Government's appreciation of the meritorious services of one, of whom Heaven has been so unmerciful as to deprive the country."

STATE FUNERAL.

It was officially announced this morning that Government had decided to provide a State Funeral for the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

VISITS OF CONDOLENCES.

PEKING, March 12th.

All the members of the Cabinet called at the residence of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen and expressed their condolences. M. Karakhan, Soviet Ambassador, called, and the Embassy flag was lowered to half-mast.

The Cabinet meeting to be held today was suspended, and instructions were issued to official organisations to place their flags at half-mast. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced, but it is understood that the Government have expressed their intention of holding a memorial ceremony in the Temple of Agriculture.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

OBITUARY.

SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT.

LONDON, March 13th.

The death is announced of Sir Francis Piggott, a former Chief Justice of Hong Kong.

ADMIRALS IN CONFERENCE.

THE SINGAPORE MEETING COMES TO AN END.

SINGAPORE, March 13th.

The naval conference of Admirals was concluded here today. Admiral Rich H.M.S. Chatham, leaves to-morrow. The remainder of the East Indies Squadron, together with the Australian vessels, are due to sail on Monday.

SINGAPORE DEFENCE.

ESTIMATES FOR AIR FORCE TO BE EXPECTED.

LONDON, March 12th.

Debating the air estimates in the House of Commons, Count. Kenworthy drew attention to the absence of provision for the air defences at Singapore. Sir Samuel Hoare replied that such expenditure was at present unnecessary, but the item would appear in the air estimates in due course, as the Singapore programme developed.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

WIND STORM IN JAPAN.

TWO AERODROMES AND MANY MACHINES WRECKED.

OSAKA, March 12th.

A message from Sakai states that two aerodromes, together with a number of hydroplanes, were smashed by a sudden gale of wind which swept over Western Japan this morning.

FAMINE RELIEF IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI FUNDS ALLEGED TO BE TIED UP.

PEKING, March 12th.

The annual meeting of the International Famine Relief Commission was opened this morning.

The meeting was attended by representatives of all the provincial committees, except Shanghai.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. M. T. Liang, in the course of his opening address, said:—"We find that the Shanghai Committee have \$450,000 locked up in mortgages, which should be employed in relief of famine. The retention of this fund by Shanghai has been the subject of such very severe criticism in Tientsin as to impel the American Chamber of Commerce to pass resolutions on it, and other groups may add their voice of disapprobation. The matter is becoming serious, and it devolves upon the delegates here to indicate definitely what action they should take, so as to have this sum employed in the spirit in which the fund was donated."

THE CIVILISATION OF CHINA.

CULTIVATION OF PUBLIC SPIRIT NECESSARY TO REGENERATION.

A course of three lectures has been arranged to take place at King's College, Strand, London, W.C.2, under the general heading of "The Civilisation of China."

The first of these, a "General View," intended to act as an introduction to those which follow, was delivered by Lieut-Commander A. S. Elwell Sutcliffe, R.N., the chairman on that occasion being Sir E. Denison Ross.

The lecturer called attention to the unsettled conditions in China, and recalled that in 1912, immediately after the revolution, an American writer had said everything would now be all right, and "false" cast aspersions on old Chinese residents, who said this was not going to happen in a moment. The speaker, as a traveller and a student of history, did not believe in such sudden conversion. They could not alter the character of 400 millions of people at a stroke, and say everything was all right. They had only to look at China now to see that things were not all right, and they had, consequently, to inquire why the Chinese had not been able to adapt themselves to new conditions. He thought there was little doubt that a change was coming in China. They had to consider whether it was to be for better or for worse. What mattered in this question was the character of the people, and it was that he wished to speak of. The character of the Chinese contained much, very much which was admirable. Generally speaking, he was honest, commercially, full of fun, and loved children. He was most industrious, and the upper classes fond of learning to a much greater degree than the same class in England.

Their wisdom, however, was the wisdom of the book, which did not always work out right in practice. These were, however, good characteristics, but there was something lacking. They had to seek this lack through China's religions. In his opinion the whole question of China's regeneration was a religious one, and although it was said that the old faiths were dying out, they had to consider what was to take their place. He thought the old religious and philosophical systems of China had to stand condemned, as they had not been able to produce in the people the higher idealism which we knew was the basis of a public spirit. He did not say that no Chinese had public spirit, but, speaking generally, there was lacking that spirit which made people go forward at real sacrifice to themselves for the good of the public generally. He did not think they would get that unless it was based on religion. In this respect China's religions had been inadequate. In her religious development China had followed much the same line as other people. It began with nature. The Chinese had a very great love of nature, and a sense of awe at her manifestations, and in common with other peoples recognised in nature two aspects, the good and the evil. Thus, good and evil, spirits were attributed to the mountains, rivers, trees, and even the kitchen stove, and these had to be propitiated. There was childishness in this, but that he believed still constituted almost the whole of the religious belief of many Chinese. That grade of belief could not satisfy higher minds, however, so you got a mystical development, which they spoke of as Taoism. It was a mystical religion striving to find the secret of the manifestations of nature. The mind of the Chinese sage did not frame a god, framed the Tao, which sets all in motion. It was not a personal god. The Chinese saw good and evil nature, and the Taoist attempted to reconcile them by keeping himself in harmony with the Tao like a tree. It did not fret or worry, but allowed the Tao to move it along. The Taoist says man should be like that. That was quietism and obviously not going to work in this world. When you came to force things to a better conclusion the Taoist failed. Quietism did not conduce to public spirit. Nor did Buddhism, which was said to be dying out. It was interesting to note that the practical Chinese mind had never accepted the extreme pessimism of Buddhism, and a good many modern thinkers had to be introduced from Christian sources, which was a point of interest when they considered the question of propagating Christianity in China. The doctrine of Karma, which Buddhism taught, had tended to produce in the Chinese a callousness to the sufferings of others, which was opposed to public spirit.

As regards the doctrine of Confucius, and its theory of government based on filial piety, it had not worked out happily in practice. Throughout China's history the governing classes had lacked public spirit, and those in office had exploited the people. Dynasties had grown corrupt, and there had been many rebellions. The lecturer said he had tried to show the failings of China's religions. Now one found political and economic ideas from the West, and modern science coming in. Modern science was exacting scorn on China's old beliefs and offering little in their place, and tending to break down whatever moral foundation there was for the Chinese character. The Chinese had had in the past a very high idea of what the State should do, and Socialism had a great influence in China at the present time. This, he thought, was because Socialism supposedly envisaged what many Chinese expected of the State. Socialism in China was trying to put a sort of idealism of the State in the place of the old beliefs, although that kind of theory had been pushed aside to a great extent by the militarists, whose ambitions were of a feudal order. How it would work it was not necessary to inquire. He thought Socialism had no force behind it, no momentum, and very little idealism, and so had been pushed aside. In any case, there was not much prospect of following it out with the military leaders standing in the main for number one.

In his opinions the affairs of China would not be as they should until they could give her a real religious ideal, such as Confucianism and Taoism had never been able to give. It was a question of time, it could not be done in a moment. Let them do what they could.

"JUST MAGIC." EASTERN LAMAS SEE WESTERN MYSTERIES.

"Just magic." There were no devils on the stage helping in the production of "Mackeyne's Mysteries" at St. George's Hall. In the Royal Box were seven Tibetan lamas. They watched the performance with tense interest, and when a *Morning Post* representative asked what they thought of it, they answered, with a rather unexpected sophistication, "air," that it was just magic. "Devils! No, no," they said. And then they added that "you can't control London's devils."

Yes, London is full of devils. They know it, and they associate the knowledge with conviction. But they were equally convinced that "Mackeyne's Mysteries" are not an elaborate series of devilish rites. Nor are those mysticisms even, merely white man's magic. For Tibet also had its magicians. Unfortunately, the most efficient magicians there inevitably became the most expert thieves! So the Tibetan Government outlawed the science of conjuring. When a magician is apprehended in Tibet, his head is inserted in a bag, the bag is then filled with stones, and the bag and body are dropped in the deepest part of any adjacent river. Tibetan records contain no reference to the ability of any trusted magician to evade a watery grave after that incident. And, what is more, all relatives of the victim are beheaded!

Not once during the whole programme did they applaud. The Tibetan way of showing pleasure is to open the mouth and protrude the tongue. The lamas did it over and over again.

THE OPIUM DISCUSSIONS.

INDIA'S SATISFACTION.

The successful stand made by the British Delegation against the American proposals is regarded here, states the Delhi correspondent of *The Times*, with some satisfaction. "Although it recognises the benevolence of American intentions, Indian opinion, except to the Jews of some well-meaning philanthropists, is strongly in favour of the policy of the Government of India. Indeed, although certain politicians in the Legislature, who on principle leave no weapon against the Government unused, appear as leaders on the subject, it is noteworthy that they take no step to force the issue, and even among Swarajists, it is held that India has already made too big a sacrifice on behalf of the fancied morality of China, whose reply has been to grow more opium herself. The abuse of opium in India is comparatively slight; opium is eaten here, not smoked. The policy of the Government of India, which leaves the question of internal consumption to the Provincial Governments—realising that any prohibition of production would lead to illicit poppy cultivation that could not be prevented—and rigidly controls export, is essentially practical and fulfils India's international obligations."

THE GENEVA PROTOCOL.

SUGGESTION FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

The Diplomatic correspondent of the *Observer* says:—

The Norwegian Peace Society has recommended the Nobel Committee of the Storting to award the Nobel Peace Prize to the person or persons who can claim the greatest credit for the Geneva Protocol.

If this advice is acted upon it will be likely to lead to some exciting and perhaps unprofitable controversy. There is no name which leaps to the eye as pre-eminently the author of the Protocol or even as pre-eminently its champion, although there are many people among the Secretariat at Geneva who would point to Dr. Benes as being at any rate prominently concerned as anyone, both in the authorship and subsequent advocacy of the principles involved. The chief names likely to be considered as prize-men are these: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M. Herriot, Dr. Benes, M. Poincaré, Lord Parmoor, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Gilbert Murray.

Mr. MacDonald's name has not been closely associated with the detailed work of the Protocol, but he none the less was one of its chief sponsors. It was one of the direct initiatives of Mr. MacDonald and M. Herriot that the League of Nations was invited, and agreed, to evolve a plan to take the place of Lord Cecil's rejected plan. In the actual work of drafting Dr. Benes took a leading part. The Greek delegate, M. Politis, also took a prominent part in the work. Mr. Gilbert Murray's claim would be based on the important work he has done, through the League of Nations Union in London, in educating opinion on the real meaning of the Protocol. At the present moment the whole future of the Protocol itself is want to indicate yet who will have contributed most to the work. Mr. MacDonald's work in diplomatic pacifism, which, it is no exaggeration to say, was mainly responsible for creating the atmosphere necessary for the drawing up of the Protocol, will no doubt be regarded by most people as the most important single contribution to the result so far.

The Boxer Indemnity, for instance, he believed, should not be used only for modern scientific education. That was not going to be enough. All that would do would be to produce means and wealth for further internecine warfare, or possible warfare on the larger scale. He thought they should endeavour with the public school spirit, which would lead to public spirit.

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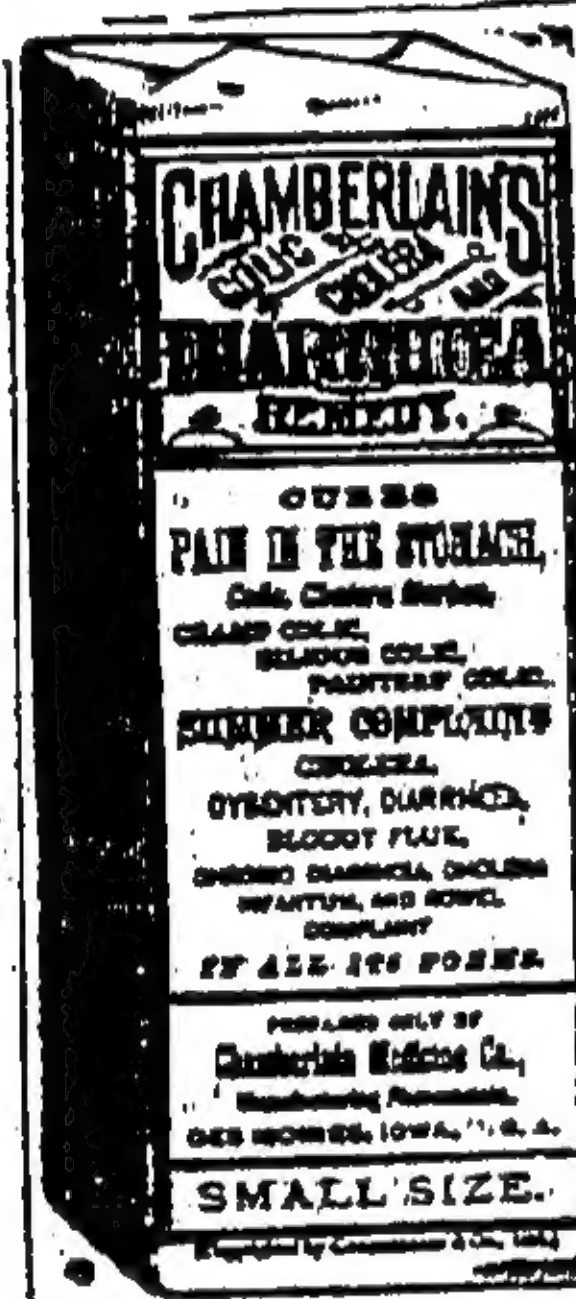
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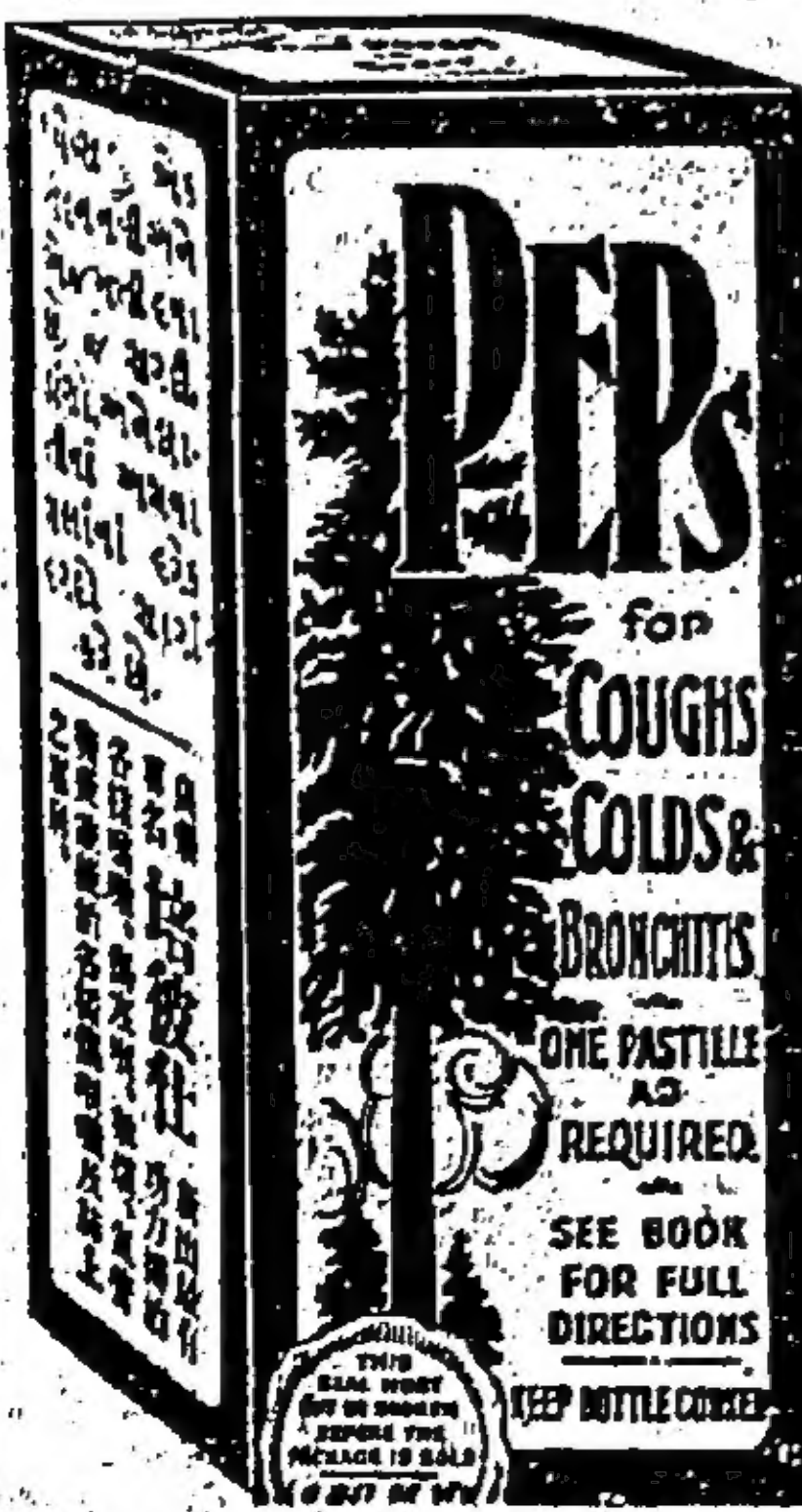


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"CAT" BURGLAR'S CAREER.

£20,000 FROM HIS WIFE.

ELOPEMENT WITH HER NIECE.

A remarkable account of a cat burglar's career was given at the Old Bailey last month, when Robert Augustus Delaney, 23, an engineer, pleaded guilty to burglary at the houses of the Duke of Rutland and of Lady Northcote.

He was sentenced to 3½ years' penal servitude.

Delaney, a tall, dark, clean-shaven young man, with thick brown hair and dressed in a blue serge suit, appeared quite unconcerned in the dock. Mr. Percival Clarke said that in the case of Lady Northcote's house it was clear that entrance had been gained by climbing up the verandah or the stackpipe. At this time a series of robberies was taking place described as being committed by "cat burglars."

The Recorder (Sir E. Wild): How do these feline fellows do it? (Laughter.) Mr. Clarke: I am told they climb the stackpipes or the waste pipes which carry the water from the roof or the bathroom and are on the outside of the house.

The Recorder: Is it very difficult?

Mr. Clarke: I have not tried it myself (laughter)—but I am told that if you have the proper appliances—rubber gloves, rubber boots, and something around your knee—it is not so difficult. At any rate, I think that you have one of these persons before you now.

Mr. Clarke described how on January 5th Delaney was found crouching under a bush in the Duke of Rutland's grounds when police officers went into the garden, and that following statements he made most of the property belonging to Lady Northcote was recovered.

Detective-Sergeant Pearce said at Lady Northcote's house Delaney found a sealed parcel containing wills and took them away, thinking it was money or jewellery. He wished to be taken into consideration cases of receiving a cheque-book which was found at his address and obtaining an overcoat at Peterborough. Another was obtaining £2 15s. from a landlady in Dorset-street.

Sergeant Pearce added that Delaney had made a statement that he was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1911, but inquiries had shown that this was not true. He was born at Capetown in 1895. In September of last year he was charged with living on the immoral earnings of a woman.

Delaney: I object to that statement. Sergeant Pearce: He was not convicted, but on being discharged he was taken to Westminster Police Court, where he was charged with nine cheque frauds. Another man was arrested with him and got six months' imprisonment. Delaney was bound over for twelve months.

At that time Delaney had filed his petition in bankruptcy. He failed to appear, and a warrant was issued and he was given a month for contempt of court.

During his examination in bankruptcy he told the officials his father was a wealthy man, who left him £20,000, and that out of this he purchased a farm in Lincolnshire. He had to sell it because he did not understand farming and lost £15,000 in two years. He then went to Westcliff and purchased a boarding-house for £1,500.

In 1922 he had a fire there and claimed £20,000 from the insurance company, but received only £2,000.

Sergeant Pearce said he communicated with the Lincolnshire police with regard to the statement of purchasing a farm and found that that story was not true. In 1915 Delaney went to the Swineshead district and married a widow named Sharpe, who had inherited £2,000 from her late husband, and with that money a farm was purchased.

Delaney lived with his wife for about three years. He then sold the farm and furniture and eloped with his wife's niece to open a boarding-house at Westcliff. His wife now had to work for her living as a cook.

The Recorder: Was the money really used for purchasing this farm?—Yes; at any rate part of it. He sold it again for £15,000, but I do not know what happened to that.

The niece left Delaney, who then advertised for her in the Press, describing her as his wife. The niece returned to her people, who declined to tell Delaney where she was, and Delaney sent threatening letters to the family.

While in England Delaney had been associated with Australian and African criminals, two of whom were now in prison, one being sentenced on the morning of Delaney's arrest.

The Recorder: What sort of a gang is this?—A very bad gang, who have been doing cat burglaries, and since the arrest of Delaney there have been only two such cases. It was a fact that Delaney was a trooper in the Artillery, and joined the South African Rifles. Delaney came to England in the Army. He could not say anything in his favour.

Cross-examined by Delaney, Sergeant Pearce said that Delaney had been associating with a man who had been convicted of cat burglaries and also with a man convicted of cheque frauds.

Delaney said he did not know one of the men and told the Recorder he had nothing to say.

The Recorder passed sentence of three years and six months' penal servitude.

GUARDS' MILK REGIME.

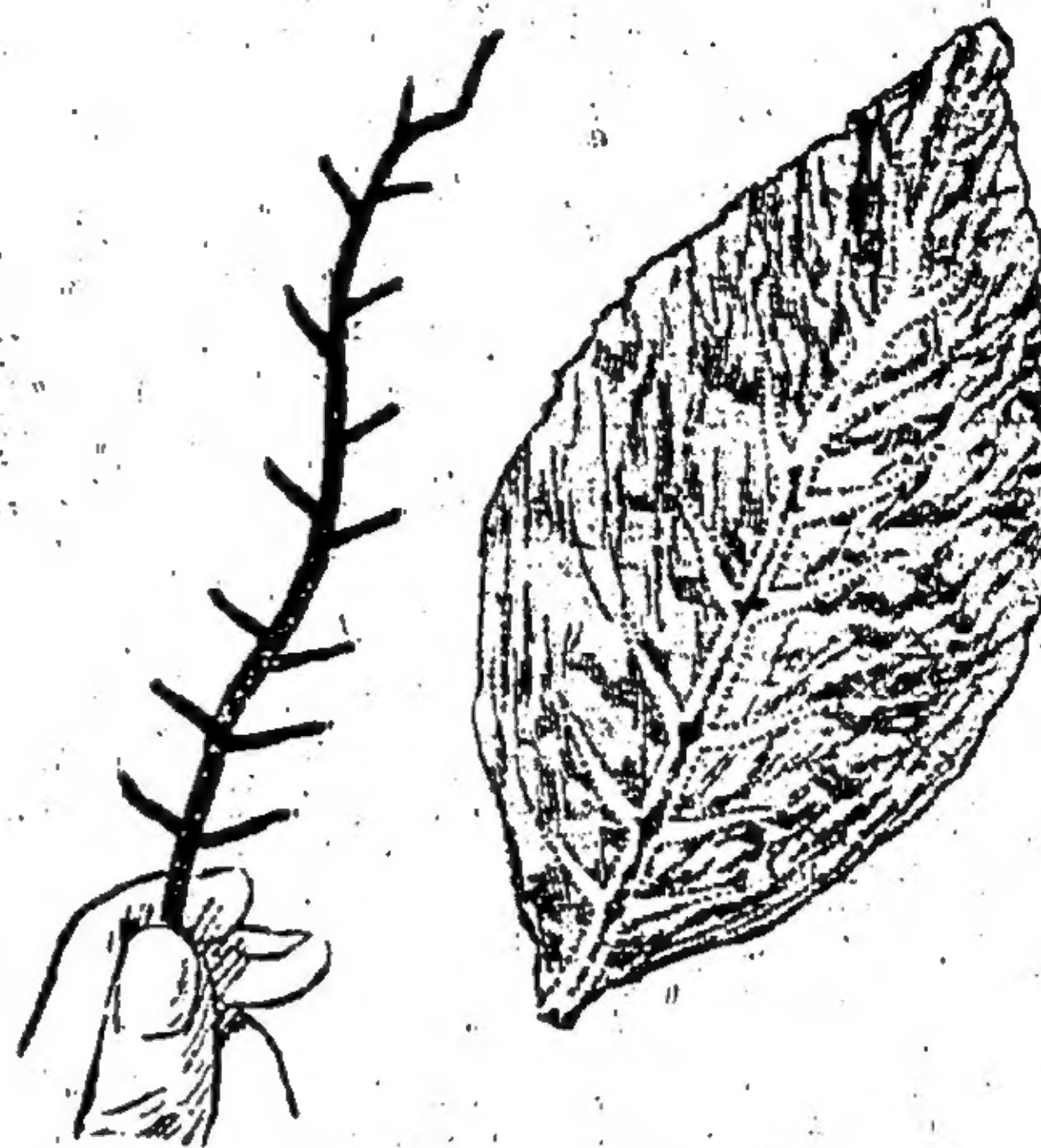
LESS CRIME BUT POORER SHOOTING.

At the annual dinner of the Scots Guards' Association at Edinburgh last month Major Stewart-Menzies said it seemed extraordinary to notice that the canten was now nearly always empty. Recently outside Chelsea Barracks he saw 12 young soldiers standing round a milk barrow drinking milk out of bottles. (Laughter.)

There was hardly any crime in the regiment. Whether that was due to the milk regime he could not say. Musketry was not so good as before the war.

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COMPAGNE	12th Feb.	16th Mar.	29th Mar.
ANGERS	18th Feb.	31st Mar.	12th Apr.
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"SICILIA"	6,326	1st Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MAINTA"	10,423	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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"SICILIA"	6,326	9th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	6,326	13th June	Mars. L'bon. & Antwerp.
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"NARKUNDA"	10,423	18th Sept.	Marseilles & London.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAIREA"	7,323	19th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	6,326	1st Apr.	do.
"TALMA"	10,423	18th Apr.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,423	25th Apr.	do.
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"KARMA"	9,121	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"NAGOYA"	6,326	23rd Apr.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,323	25th Apr.	do.
"MOBIA"	10,423	1st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,326	3rd May	do.
"TAIREA"	7,323	9th May	Kobe.
"TANDA"	4,500	9th May	Kobe & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	6,326	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGUA"	6,326	13th June	do.
"MAINTA"	10,423	18th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
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"KASHGUA"	6,326	10th July	Shanghai & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,326	14th July	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MALEDONIA"	11,029	24th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMA"	9,121	7th Aug.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,326	7th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKLIWA"	7,323	8th Aug.	Shanghai.
"NARKUNDA"	10,423	20th Aug.	Shanghai.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KAYING"	On 15th Mar., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & RANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 15th Mar., 11 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SINKANG"	On 16th Mar., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KUNGCHOW"	On 16th Mar., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"YINGCHOW"	On 17th Mar., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 18th Mar., 11 a.m.
BOHAI & RANGKOK	"TAMING"	On 19th Mar., 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG, BOHAI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 19th Mar., 11 a.m.
SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 20th Mar., 10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 21st Mar., D.L.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LIANGCHOW"	On 21st Mar., Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"BOOCHOW"	On 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.
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Europe via Negapatam (Letters & Telegrams, London, 12th February)...	Peria	14th March
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & SHANGHAI...	Pres. Garfield	16th March
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SHANGHAI	Angers	16th March
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI...	Pres. Wilson	17th March
JAPAN	Tango Maru	17th March
MARITIME	Emp. of Canada	17th March
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	St. Albans	3rd April

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu *Canada U.S.A. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 7th April.	Pres. Taft	Saturday, 14th, Registration Letters 8.45 A.M. 9.30 A.M. 10.30 A.M. 12.30 P.M. 3.30 P.M.
Holbow and Bangkok	Kwaiyang	8.45 A.M.
Shanghai	Kwaiyang	9.30 A.M.
Sandakan	Kwaiyang	10.30 A.M.
Amoy	Kwaiyang	12.30 P.M.
Manila	Kwaiyang	3.30 P.M.
SAIGON	Angers	8.45 P.M.
Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th April—Ship sails at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 15th March	Anchor	Reg. Letters 4.15 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Fris Maru	5.00 P.M.
Manila	California	5.00 P.M.
Holbow and Bangkok	Leong	Sunday, 15th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hogan Maru	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Kaga Maru	9.00 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kaiyang	9.00 A.M.
Straits	P. M. K. Maru	Monday, 16th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits and Egypt	Thames	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia (Correspondence specially superimposed "via Siberia" only)	Angers	3.30 P.M.
Amoy	Sinkiang	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3.30 P.M.
Manila, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Pres. Garfield	5.00 P.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kwaiyang	Tuesday 17th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Haikow	Noon
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 29th March	Tango Maru	Wednesday, 18th, Registration Letters 8.45 A.M. 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Soudan	Thursday, 19th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America, and *EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 6th April.	Emp. of Canada	Friday, 20th, Parcels for Canada only—Registration Letters 9.00 A.M. 9.15 A.M. 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Haikow	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 18th April.	Kwaiyang	Saturday, 21st, Registration Letters 9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.

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Shak Ki	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Kowloon	6.00 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Kaukung	6.00 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Wuchow	4.00 P.M.	10.00 A.M.	4.00 P.M.

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ON BOMBAY.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...	} 152
Bank Bills, on demand	...	
ON CALCUTTA.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...	} 152
Bank Bills, on demand	...	
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank Bills, at sight	...	} nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	...	
ON HONGKONG.—	On demand	109
ON MANILA.—	On demand	97 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	134 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	nom.
ON HATYONG.—	On demand	...
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	81 1/2
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	81 1/2
GOVERNMENT, Bank's Buying rate	...	47.50
GOLD LEAF, 100-fine, per tael	...	31 15/16
BAN SILVER, per oz.	...	31 15/16

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital	\$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	\$50,000,000
Reserve Funds	\$24,500,000
Surplus	\$24,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	\$20,000,000

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 Hongkong, 21st February, 1925. [27]

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 For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
 A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [28]

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Z. YAMAMOTO, Manager.
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 4, Des Voeux Road,
 Hongkong, 25th June, 1924.

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 J. B. BOSS, Acting Manager.
 7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, January 22nd, 1925. [29]

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 KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 16th February, 1925. [34]

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O. ARIMA, Manager.
 Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [36]